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The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 11 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Adler, Al Zaibak, Boehm, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Gerba, Harder, P.C., Hébert, MacDonald, Ravalia, Wilson and Woo (12).

Participating in the meeting: Brian Hermon, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee continued its study of foreign relations and international trade generally. (Topic: Situation in Gaza and the West Bank)

WITNESSES:

World Food Programme:

Matthew Hollingworth, Assistant Executive Director, Department of Programme Operations (*by videoconference*).

Doctors Without Borders:

Michael Lawson, Humanitarian Representative to Canada.

As an individual:

Jon Allen, Former Canadian Ambassador to Israel (*by videoconference*).

Jon Allen, Matthew Hollingworth and Michael Lawson each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Chantal Cardinal

Clerk of the Committee