



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, December 1, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights met this day at 4:01 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Paulette Senior, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnot, Coyle, Karetak-Lindell, McPhedran, Osler, Senior and Wells (*Alberta*) (7).

Participating in the meeting: Robert Mason and Madalina Chesoi, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee continued its study on antisemitism in Canada.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Heritage:

Andrew Brown, Associate Deputy Minister;

Erica Tao, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Multiculturalism and Anti-racism.

Canadian Race Relations Foundation:

Mohammed Hashim, Chief Executive Officer.

Statistics Canada:

Gayatri Jayaraman, Director General, Social, Justice and Indigenous Statistics;

Lucie Léonard, Director, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics, Social, Justice and Indigenous Statistics.

As individuals:

Artur Wilczynski, Senior Fellow, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa;

Mira Sucharov, Professor, Carleton University *(by videoconference)*;

Ivan Kalmar, Professor of Anthropology, University of Toronto *(by videoconference)*;

Kenneth Stern, Director, Bard Center for the Study of Hate *(by videoconference)*;

Mark Berlin, Professor, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University;

Annie Ohana, Equity Department Head and Anti Oppression Curriculum Specialist *(by videoconference)*.

Andrew Brown, Mohammed Hashim and Gayatri Jayaraman each made a statement and, together with Erica Tao and Lucie Léonard, answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:37 p.m., the committee resumed.

Artur Wilczynski, Mira Sucharov and Ivan Kalmar each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:27 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:34 p.m., the committee resumed.

Kenneth Stern, Mark Berlin and Annie Ohana each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:29 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Caroline Woodward

Clerk of the Committee