



Statement

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Statement from Susan Kadis, Member of Parliament for Thornhill, on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

While Canadians should be proud that we have built one of the most diverse, multi-cultural nations in the world, a country that stands for equality and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, on this day we remember that we must remain vigilant in combating racial discrimination in all its forms.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March. On that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid "pass laws". Proclaiming the Day in 1966, the United Nations General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

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