

## EXAMPLES OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH ROMÉO A. DALLAIRE, SENATOR

### FIRST COMMUNICATION WRITTEN TO ROMÉO A. DALLAIRE, SENATOR

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**From:** [Linda MacDonald](mailto:LindaMacDonald@sen.parl.gc.ca)

**To:** [dallar@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:dallar@sen.parl.gc.ca)

**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2005 8:57 PM

**Subject:** Human Rights Violations in Canada

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**Sent via e-mail: [dallar@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:dallar@sen.parl.gc.ca)**

**Dear Lieutenant-General Romeo Dallaire, Senator**

We write to you with two goals in mind. Firstly, although it saddens us to know of the horrific ordeals you and others were forced to endure in Rwanda, we do thank you for making your suffering very public and visible—for speaking so truthfully of the traumatic stress responses you struggle with as a result of being forced to endure overwhelming ordeals of horrification.

We thank you because, since 1993, we have born witness to the horrification endured by persons who speak of surviving ritual abuse-torture. For, an in-a-nut-shell definition, ritual abuse-torture is about pedophilic parents/families, guardians, and like-minded others who abuse and torture children—from infants to youth—using organized group ritualisms. However, captive children can become captive adult victims, thus, the suffering never stops; rather, it moves on to recycle itself, in devastating ways, into the next generation. For a more comprehensive definition you can read our educational pamphlet <http://www.ritualabusetorture.org/naming.pdf>

Victimized persons suffering also involves traumatic stress responses similar to the ones you have disclosed. One of the major differences is their suffering has been silenced in Canada and in the global community. ‘Ritual abuse’ and torture was first identified as occurring in every region of Canada, in the 1993 Status of Women report, *Changing the Landscape: Ending Violence ~ Achieving Equality*. This was the same year a woman sought our help to exit a ritual abuse-torture family she reported being born into. Forced to stand alone in our caring about her—we could find no one to help her or us—drove us to examine further the existence of ritual abuse-torture. Research, writing—for an example see [http://www.gazette.rcmp.gc.ca/article-en.html?category\\_id=1&article\\_id=105](http://www.gazette.rcmp.gc.ca/article-en.html?category_id=1&article_id=105), and managing a website: [www.ritualabusetorture.org](http://www.ritualabusetorture.org)

has brought many adults—mostly women including an Aboriginal woman, but also a few men—to us from around the globe, all telling of similar horrific ritual abuse-torture childhood ordeals. We are also hearing from the young—a pre-teen, a teen, a university student, and young adults who tried or are trying to escape and heal. All have been silenced because no one wants to listen or believe. They have no place—no voice—on the global stage of humanitarianism. Thus, we began collecting their signed statements—to date, from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Germany, Holland, UK, and the US—in preparation for achieving a place for them on the human rights agenda in Geneva, to expose the human rights violations and the organized pedophilic and on-going torture inflicted by organized ritual abuse-torture families/groups.

This brings us to our second goal. As you know, years of standing alone against indifference, although painful, is no reason to give up. We have connected with the Canadian NGO—Voice of Women (VOW)—who is offering their caring support and efforts to help us help victimized persons gain a human rights voice in Geneva. Now, we are seeking your backing and support. We are asking you to please offer a letter of endorsement and other assistance that would support gaining recognition that ritual abuse-torture is a human rights violation and an emerging form of torture by ‘non-state actors’.

After you gave your intervention at the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, March, 2004, in New York, we introduced our-Selves to you and briefly shared the similarities of your and our work. This connection made us think of reaching out to you today for support as we continue to follow your very visible work focused on human rights and world peace. Further information about us and our pro bono work is outlined in this pamphlet:

<http://www.ritualabusetorture.org/aboutuspamphlet.pdf>

We will await your support,

With respect,

**Jeanne Sarson & Linda MacDonald**

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## COMMUNICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ROMÉO A. DALLAIRE, SENATOR

**From:** Linda MacDonald [mailto:flight@ns.sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2006 3:53 PM

**To:** Ghattas, Shereen: SEN

**Subject:** Re:

Hello Shereen,

Thank-you for your response. We understand that Canada ratified the *Convention against Torture and other Cruel Treatment or Punishment*. However Canada 's Criminal Code only deals with state actor torture and ritual abuse-torture is a form of non-state actor torture. I understand that Senator Dallaire supports the Convention but we would like a letter from him to

endorse our work to have ritual abuse-torture recognized as a human rights violation and a form of non-state actor torture.

regards, Linda MacDonald

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**From:** Ghattas, Shereen: SEN

**To:** flight@ns.sympatico.ca

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2006 4:45 PM

Ms Macdonald:

Thank you for your email and please accept my apology for this delay.

As you know, Canada ratified *the Convention against Torture and other Cruel Treatment or Punishment* in 1987.

Senator Dallaire fully supports this ratification and wishes you the best of luck in your endeavors.

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**From:** Ghattas, Shereen: SEN

**To:** Linda MacDonald

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2006 5:15 PM

**Subject:** RE:

Ms Macdonald:

I understand your concern. However, there have been a few amendments to the criminal code aiming at protecting vulnerable persons.

C2 that received Royal Assent in July 2005, for instance, amended the criminal Code for further protection of children and other vulnerable persons.

Senator Dallaire appreciates your efforts in this area. However, the senator will concentrate his work on the following issues:

- conflict resolution/UN
  - child soldiers
  - the Commercial sexual exploitation of children
- Thank you for your understanding.

Regards

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**From:** [Linda MacDonald](#)

**To:** [Ghattas, Shereen: SEN](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2006 6:53 PM

**Subject:** ritual abuse-torture & commercial exploitation

Hi Shereen,

Here are some connections with our work and the commercial exploitation of goal of Senator Dallaire's office. Commercial exploitation of children is a huge part of ritual abuse-torture as the persons known to the children including their parents & guardians gain financial profit from their children's suffering.

I have cut & pasted below our section in the first email where we mention meeting him at the CSW'04. At that time we spoke to General Dallaire about his book and that children all over

the world including Canada are experiencing horrors. He had told us he would be willing to help us and was pleased to hear we were planning to reference his book about the issue of PTSD.

“After you gave your intervention at the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, March, 2004, in New York , we introduced our-Selves to you and briefly shared the similarities of your and our work. This connection made us think of reaching out to you today for support as we continue to follow your very visible work focused on human rights and world peace.”

Also could you give me the name of the new bill re human trafficking you mentioned. I looked up Bill C 49 and it did not seem to fit.

Please explain to Senator Dalliare that we are only asking for a one page letter no more and no less.

Thanks for your listening and caring, Shereen,

Linda MacDonald

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## COMMUNICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ROMÉO A. DALLAIRE, SENATOR

**From:** Linda MacDonald [mailto:flight@ns.sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2006 8:03 AM

**To:** Ghattas, Shereen: SEN

**Subject:** RAT & commercial exploitation of children---at CSW'06

Hi again Shereen,

I keep thinking of connections for you as I am getting ready for work. We have also been asked to be panelists on a human trafficking panel at the CSW'6 at the UN in New York this month. Our focus will be on ritual abuse-torture and human trafficking of children.

A woman who works at the UN in New York and had heard our presentation at Georgetown University last November (our paper I sent you) had never heard of ritual abuse-torture before and was so appalled at the reality of human trafficking asked us to be part of her panel.

thanks, again, Linda

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Ghattas, Shereen: SEN

**To:** Linda MacDonald

**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2006 11:52 AM

**Subject:** RE: RAT & commercial exploitation of children---at CSW'06

Thank you Ms Macdonald for your emails and attachments.

It is clear that you have this issue at heart and we appreciate your efforts to deal with it.

As we discussed, senator Dallaire will not lend his name to support issues in which he is not directly involved.

Moreover, the senator is out of town until the end of the month.

He wishes you all the best and thanks you for your understanding.

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## COMMUNICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ROMÉO A. DALLAIRE, SENATOR

**From:** Linda MacDonald [mailto:flight@ns.sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:12 AM

**To:** Ghattas, Shereen: SEN

**Subject:** Re: RAT & commercial exploitation of children

Hello Shereen,

We are writing to you again so we can gain clarity on Senator Dallaire's position because we are still confused by the information presented in your email of February 2/06. You had written:

"Senator Dallaire ... concentrates ...his work on...-the Commercial sexual exploitation of children."

Could you please explain which group of harmed children are being attended to under this definition so we can be better informed of how the Senate system works in regards to the protection and well-being of children.

Additionally, could you please provide us with contact information on who we ought to write to in the Senate so we can proceed with gaining recognition for the human rights violations inflicted on the Canadian and global children who are abused, tortured, and commercially exploited by ritual abuse-torturers.

This information would be greatly appreciated.

regards, Linda MacDonald & Jeanne Sarson  
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**From:** Ghattas, Shereen: SEN

**To:** Linda MacDonald

**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:41 AM

**Subject:** RE: RAT & commercial exploitation of children

Good morning:

Under the CSEC, we look at children who are exploited in the sex trade.

I am not aware of any committee in the senate or the House of Commons that studies the issue of ritual abuse [-torture was left out] as such. Moreover, at the moment, there are no committees.

Individual senators who have interest in children related issues examine issues such as child poverty, parental care, violence, disability.

Thank you for your understanding

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**From:** Linda MacDonald [mailto:flight@ns.sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 10:01 AM  
**To:** Ghattas, Shereen: SEN  
**Subject:** ritual abuse-torture & commercial sexual exploitation of children

Hello Shereen,

Thank-you very much for your answers of clarification. It has helped us tremendously to understand how the Canadian policies on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) are interpreted by Senator Dallaire in his role in the Senate.

We note that you mention there are other Senators who have interest in child related issues. Would you be able to tell us which Senators have interest in the children related issues of violence, specifically related to parental violence including sexual exploitation? And also you mentioned in one telephone conversation that there is new legislation noting that parents traffic their children could you direct us to this legislation.

We greatly appreciate your help in our work for the wellness of children.

regards,  
Linda & Jeanne

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**From:** [Ghattas, Shereen: SEN](#)  
**To:** [Linda MacDonald](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 12:05 PM

**Subject:** RE: ritual abuse-torture & commercial sexual exploitation of children

Mrs Macdonald:

Senator Dallaire does not interpret policies. He is the chair of a Committee and members of this committee have already determined the issues in line with the Draft Declaration and Plan of Action of the 1996 Stockholm Congress.

I am not in position to tell you which senators exactly work on which issues. The bill on trafficking is C-49 that passed last parliament session.

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