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**FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTRE APPLAUDS CFS  
FOR VOTING AGAINST ANTI-ISRAEL CAMPAIGN**

*Vote Results Reinforce Student Sentiment Uncovered in COMPAS Research Survey*

**TORONTO—November 26, 2007**—Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies (FSWC) commends the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) for rejecting the motion put forward at last week's CFS national general meeting to investigate the feasibility of a boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel.

“With more than two thirds of voting CFS members rejecting the motion, it is clear that the student unions that are pursuing anti-Israel activism are not representing the very students who elected them to power,” said Avi Benlolo, president and CEO of FSWC. “We applaud CFS members for taking a stand against the student unions on this important issue.”

The CFS vote outcome reinforces the sentiments uncovered in the recently released study (<http://www.marketwire.com/mw/release.do?id=795437>) of almost 900 students at the University of Toronto and Ryerson University. In the COMPAS Research study commissioned by FSWC, students demonstrated overwhelming opposition (by a margin of 8:1) to student funding of anti-Israel groups; and tremendous support (by a margin of 9:1) for the university presidents who oppose boycotts against Israel.

**About Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies**

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies is a Canadian human rights organization dedicated to fostering tolerance and understanding through community involvement, educational outreach and social action. It has 25,000 members across Canada, and confronts important contemporary issues including racism, antisemitism, terrorism and genocide. The Center is affiliated with the world-wide, Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, an accredited Non-Government Organization with status at international agencies, including the United Nations, UNESCO, OSCE and the Council of Europe. With over 400,000 members of all faiths around the world, the Simon Wiesenthal Center has offices in New York, Miami, Paris, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires and Toronto. Simon Wiesenthal died in 2005 after devoting his life to preserving the memories of the victims of the Holocaust, while simultaneously seeking justice for the war criminals. Visit: [www.fswc.ca](http://www.fswc.ca).

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