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The Hon. Molina Jaffer, Q.C.

Appointed in 2001, Mobina—who chaired its Standing Committee on Human Rights for eight years—is the first Muslim senator, the first African-born senator, and the first senator of South Asian descent. She recently led a study on the sexual exploitation of children in Canada and the need for national action. A champion of bilingualism who speaks six languages, she favours improving access to French and English in every community. Appointed a Queen’s Counsel in 1998, Mobina also has a distinguished record of service to the legal profession.

Canada’s Deputy-Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence, she has raised awareness on the abuse of profiling in counterterrorism measures and the fundamental imperative to respect privacy, human rights, and the rule of law. Having chaired the Canadian Committee on Women, Peace, and Security (2002-05) and served as Canada’s Special Envoy for Peace in Sudan (2002-06), she is often invited to speak at international conferences about security issues.



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