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The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez PC, MP
Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Rodriguez,

Re: National Day of Action against Hate & Intolerance

Almost two years on from the devastating shooting at the Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec, Canadian Muslims are still reeling from the hatred and horror inflicted upon worshippers that night in Quebec City. The attack of January 29, 2017, claimed the lives of six Muslim men – all fathers, husbands and sons – and gravely injured many others. It was the most horrific large-scale expression of the kind of Islamophobia that too many Canadian Muslims face daily.

As we approach the second anniversary of the attack, we pause to recognize that the racism and hatred that underpinned this attack do not exist in isolation. According to the latest figures, hate crimes and discrimination against minority groups and Indigenous communities in Canada are on the rise, and four-in-ten of such crimes are violent. Recent attacks against religious, racial and other minorities in Canada have demonstrated beyond any doubt that no one community can combat this hate alone. Rather, as Canadians, we must come together and unite, not only against Islamophobia but against all forms of hate.

We had previously called on the government to designate January 29 as a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia. Today, in solidarity with diverse minority communities across the country, the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) and the undersigned organizations call on our government to designate, by order-in-council or by proclamation, January 29th as a **National Day of Action against Hate and Intolerance**.

The NCCM and all of the undersigned organizations believe that the best way to combat hate and intolerance is to unite against it. This designation will provide a focal point for Canadians

from all backgrounds to join together in the fight against Islamophobia and hate of all kinds. Only collectively can we preserve the inclusive nature of the Canada that we all call home.

We look forward to your response on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,



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Endorsing Organizations:

- Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario (ACTO)
- Afghan Canadian Islamic Community
- Akram Jomaa Centre
- Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Committee (AMPAC)
- Alghadir Masjed Building Ltd
- Alhedaya Community Foundation of Calgary
- Alkawthar Islamic Association
- Amnestie international Canada francophone
- Amnesty International Canada
- Anglican Church of Canada
- Association des Musulmans et des Arabes pour la Laïcité au Québec (AMAL- Quebec)
- Association musulmane québécoise des converti.e.s (AMQ)
- Az-Zahraa Islamic Academy
- Az-Zahraa Islamic Centre
- Baha'i Community of Canada, Office of Public Affairs
- Bilal Centre
- British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS)
- British Columbia Civil Liberties Association
- British Columbia Muslim Association
- Brooks Islamic Centre

- C.O.R. organisme de Communication pour l'Ouverture et le Rapprochement interculture
- Calgary Islamic Centre
- Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAN)
- Canadian Association of Muslim Women in Law (CAM-WL)
- Canadian Association of Jews and Muslims (CAJM)
- Canadian Centre for Deen Studies
- Canadian Centre for Gender + Sexual Diversity
- Canadian Council for Refugee/ Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés (CCR)
- Canadian Council of Imams (CCI)
- Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW)
- Canadian Council of Muslim Women (Montreal Chapter)
- Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) National
- Canadian Friends of Somalia
- Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association/ Association canadienne des avocats musulmans (CMLA/ACAM)
- Canadian Muslim Leadership Institute
- Canadian Union of Public Employees - CUPE National
- Canadian-Muslim Vote, The (TCMV)
- Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec (CCIQ)
- Centre Islamique de l'Outaouais | CIO-OIC
- Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic
- Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter
- Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto
- City for All Women Initiative (CAWI)
- Colour of Poverty Colour of Change
- Congregation Or Shalom
- Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, The
- Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA)
- Danforth Islamic Centre
- Dawanet
- Deen Support Services
- Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities (ECMC)
- Egale Canada Human Rights Trust

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- Federation of Muslim Social Services
- First Nations Child and Family Caring Society
- Ghadir Cultural & Educational Centre
- Gurdwara Nanak Niwas Sikh Temple (India Cultural Centre of Canada)
- Husaini Association of Manitoba
- Imam Mahdi Islamic Centre
- Imam Mahdi Youth
- Imdadul Islamic Centre
- Institute of Islamic Studies (IIS), University of Toronto
- Inter Pares
- Intercultural Dialogue Institute (IDI)
- International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG)
- International Muslim Organization (IMO)
- Islam Care Centre
- Islamic Association of Saskatchewan (Regina)
- Islamic Association of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon)
- Islamic Centre of Northwest Calgary
- Islamic Centre of South Calgary
- Islamic Circle of North America-Canada (ICNA-Canada)
- Islamic History Month Canada (IHMC)
- Islamic Institute of Toronto (IIT)
- Islamic Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat (ISIJ) of Toronto
- Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA)
- Islamic Society of Kingston
- Islamic Society of North America - Canada (ISNA-Canada)
- Jamiat Ul Ansar
- JSpaceCanada
- KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives
- Kanata Muslim Association
- Ligue des droits et libertés
- London Muslim Mosque
- Masjid Al Rasool Al Atham

- Muslim Association of Calgary
- Muslim Association of Canada National (MAC National)
- Muslim Community Foundation of Calgary
- Muslim Council of Calgary (MCC)
- Muslim Council of Peel (MCP)
- Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration
- Muslim Society of Prince Edward Island
- North American Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Community Organization (NASIMCO)
- North American Spiritual Revival (NASR)
- Olive Tree Foundation
- Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)
- Ontario Federation of Labour
- Ottawa Muslim Association (OMA)
- Own It Institute of Canada Ltd
- Presbyterian Church in Canada, The
- Religions for Peace Canada
- Sayeda Khadija Centre
- Scarborough Muslim Association
- Shia Muslim Community of British Columbia
- Social Planning Council of Winnipeg
- South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO)
- Taric Islamic Centre
- Teachers for Global Awareness
- Tessellate Institute (TTI), The
- Thaqaalyn Muslim Association of UBC
- Think for Actions
- United Church of Canada, The
- United Jewish People's Order (UJPO)
- Vaughan African Canadian Association (VACA)
- Voices of Muslim Women
- Windsor Islamic Council
- World Sikh Organization (WSO) of Canada