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PRESS RELEASE

In the Name of God, Most Kind, Most Merciful

The Global Imams Council is the world's first and largest international non-governmental body of Muslim faith leaders from all Islamic denominations and schools of thought. We are dedicated to establishing peace and harmony with all religious groups. Our blessed council, through its leading Imams, has a history of combatting extremism and terrorism in all of its forms. We have taken a firm stance against Antisemitism in our declaration, and we are the first Imams Council in history to invite a Rabbi to become a permanent member to its Interfaith board.

In light of the current peace efforts being achieved throughout the Middle East, this Council received numerous requests to contribute to this development by adopting the *International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism* and all of the examples underneath it. The first suggestion was in the form of a letter from The Office of The U.S. Department of State's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and the second being from influential and prominent members of the public who are concerned about the rise of Antisemitism; and the importance of defining and combating this form of extremism which has led to terrorism.

On Monday the 26th of October 2020, The Global Imams Council's Governing Board, Senior Imams Committee and Advisory Committee passed a unanimous vote to adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism. This was followed by an overwhelming majority vote by the general council of Imams and our members worldwide. The adoption of the following definition of Antisemitism:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

and all examples underneath it, by The Global Imams Council, will come into effect on Thursday the 29th of October 2020.

This definition will be binding on all current and future members of The Global Imams Council; including all affiliate Mosques, Centers, Institutes and Organizations operated by the Imams of this council worldwide.

We ask the Almighty to bring together the hearts of the Children of Abraham and to strengthen the bridges of peace, harmony, understanding and mutual respect. Indeed, He is the All-Hearing.