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Your Excellency Abdullah Shahid, Salamun Alaikum.

The Global Imams Council praises your efforts to establish peace, coexistence, and harmony. We were particularly delighted to see the UN General Assembly approve a resolution condemning Holocaust denial. This Council fully endorses the resolution's provision rejecting "without any reservation any denial or distortion of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, or any activities to this end."

Your accommodation of our Abrahamic brethren, especially Holocaust survivors, is precisely what serves Islam and reclaims it from extremists that have promoted Holocaust denial and Antisemitism and have tarnished Islam's image for far too long. You have our support and respect in this regard.

In October of the year 2020, we collaborated with the Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the US Department of State to become the first Imams Council to adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism; and its examples, which include "denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust)."

We believe that it was crucial for Holocaust survivors and their loved ones to witness the approval of this UN resolution that condemned the genocide of 6,000,000 people, two-thirds of the Jewish population of Europe during World War II.

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