

THE GLOBAL IMAMS COUNCIL'S OTTAWA DECLARATION

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*"O believers! Enter into peace wholeheartedly and do not follow Satan's footsteps.
Surely he is your sworn enemy."
The Holy Quran (2:208)*

With the authority vested in The Global Imams Council (GIC) by the ancient and revered Islamic Seminary of Najaf, Iraq, that for over 1200 years has produced leading Islamic scholars and righteous leaders,

We, the undersigned:

1. Reaffirm our commitment to the founding monotheistic principles of faith, compassion, and acceptance revealed to humanity through the Prophet Abraham, peace be upon him, the Father of Prophets, the Messenger, and Khalīl Allāh (one who speaks with God).

*"Indeed, this nation of yours is one nation, and I am your Lord,
so worship Me." (Quran 21:92)*

2. Embrace the ethos of the Prophet Abraham, peace be upon him, Patriarch of courage for the faithful today, standing against the distorters of the Holy Quran in the name of Islamist and other heretical ideologies who support terrorism, exploit Mosques, Holy Shrines, and abuse diplomatic privileges for this deviant purpose. These deviants inflict egregious atrocities and violations against the inalienable rights and inherent dignity accorded by Islam to every member of the human family. This Abrahamic ethos is essential to nurturing freedom, justice, and enduring peace worldwide.

"And do not transgress. Indeed, Allah does not like transgressors." (Quran 2:190)

3. Reaffirm our commitment to the principles of the Abraham Accords, recognizing their essential role in promoting peace, mutual understanding, and interfaith collaboration across the Middle East and between diverse communities around the globe.

"And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression." (Quran 5:2)

The Global Imams Council (GIC) comprises Islamic scholars and faith leaders from all Islamic sects and schools of thought. This unity of Sunni and Shia Muslim scholars places the GIC in a unique position to officially represent the wider interests of the Muslim world.

The GIC is a powerful Muslim voice for peace and co-existence, and rejects all extremist ideologies. As an official Emissary of the ancient Supreme Islamic Seminary in Najaf, Iraq, al-Hawza Al-Ilmiyya, the GIC is poised to develop the highest calibre of Muslim leadership to lead this effort globally.



4. Affirm our commitment to working with governments and communities of all stripes to pursue the full realization and promise of the Abraham Accords in building a prosperous future in the Middle East, devoid of terrorist violence and the prohibited (haram) hatreds promoted by Islamist extremists against our Abrahamic brothers and cousins in faith.

"The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, 'A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the people are safe.'" (Sahih al-Bukhari)

5. Affirm, in the spirit of the Abraham Accords, to deepen our commitment to building bridges between communities based on these transcendent Abrahamic principles.

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy." (Quran 49:10)

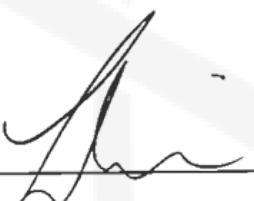
6. Commit to nurturing a legacy of Islamic religious practice and education free of Islamist extremism to shape a future generation that will embrace and expand the vision of the Abraham Accords for peaceful coexistence.

"The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, 'The most beloved of people to Allah is the one who brings the most benefit to others.'" (Al-Mu'jam al-Awsat)

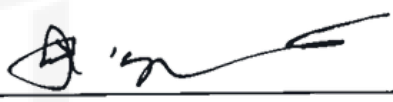
7. Accept and adopt as binding the Islamic Fatwa Council's rulings on extremism, terrorism, and peacebuilding, including the Islamic Fatwa Council's Fatwa against Hamas. We accept this Fatwa as a binding Islamic ruling for our community, encompassing Imams, preachers, congregations, Islamic institutions, and centres across Canada and beyond.

"Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice." (Quran 4:58)


We hereby pledge to uphold these principles and to work collaboratively towards their realization within Canada and the global Muslim community.




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