

Resolution on Combating Islamophobia

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The National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan taking serious note of the recent blasphemous incidents insulting the Holy Prophet

حضرت محمد رسول الله خاتم النبيين صلى الله عليه و آله واصحابه و سلم

through republication of blasphemous caricatures in France and the desecration of the Holy Quran in Norway and Sweden,

Condemns in strongest terms the resurgence of blasphemous and Islamophobic acts by mischievous elements in some parts of the world;

Expresses serious concern at the highly disturbing statements and hate-mongering, especially by leaders like President Macron, justifying unlawful provocation and insult to sentiments of more than a billion Muslims through such hate driven acts, under the garb of freedom of expression;

Recognizing with serious concern that Islamophobia has taken many forms including denigration of the Holy Prophet حضرت محمد رسول الله خاتم النبيين صلى الله عليه و آله واصحابه و سلم desecration of the Holy Quran, negative profiling by security agencies, killing of innocent people by cow vigilantes, attacks on

women for wearing hijabs, ban on minarets, negative propaganda and disinformation campaigns by some media groups, manifestos of far-right and neo-fascist parties that call for expulsion of Muslims.;

Condemns unequivocally the practice of blasphemy and of insulting Prophets of Islam, Christianity and Judaism alike;

Condemns strongly all acts of terror or violence in the name of any religion or belief;

Deplores equating of Islam and Muslims with terrorism which goes against the international consensus and spirit of mutual respect and peaceful co-existence;

With the intention of effectively addressing the issue of Islamophobia,

1. Urges the Government to recall its envoy from Paris;
2. Urges the Government to work within the OIC for designating 15th of March as an International Day to Combat Islamophobia and to ask all OIC Members to boycott French goods;
3. Calls on the Secretary General of the OIC to continue to monitor the phenomenon of Islamophobia and take necessary actions for presenting Islamic countries'

common position on the matter especially the issue of blasphemous caricatures of the Holy Prophet حضرت محمد رسول الله خاتم النبيين صلى الله عليه و على آله واصحابه و سلم

and desecration of the Holy Quran;

4. Urges all non-OIC countries to review anti-Muslim discriminatory policies and to refrain from practices that fan intolerance, discrimination, hatred or associate Islam with terror or extremism and ban unlawful provocations;
 5. Calls upon all non-OIC countries to provide legal avenues to Muslims residing in their territory for redressal of their genuine grievances.
 6. Calls on the UN Secretary General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, to immediately initiate a global dialogue for inter-faith harmony and the countering of rising islamophobia.
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