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Extremist and Hateful Actions in the Name of Religion

Introduction

Through unanimous consensus and unity, we condemn extremist and hateful actions carried out in the name of religion. These actions not only contradict human dignity and the principles of humanity but also result in causing immense harm to numerous lives, endless abhorrence, and heightened tensions.

It is both disheartening and ironic that the label of religion is exploited to justify actions that run counter to ethics and human nobility. The promotion of extremism and hatred under the banner of religion erodes proper understanding and genuine religious principles.

We firmly believe that religions and spiritual beliefs should be recognized as sources of peace, human solidarity, and respect for human rights. Encouraging extremism and hatred not only threatens the beliefs of others but also fosters an environment of conflict and animosity.

We urge governments, international organizations, and religious communities to collaborate and work collectively to uphold human principles, mutual respect, and a sense of responsibility to the human community. It must be emphasized that religions should not become instruments for intensifying disgust and hatred. Humanity needs to be solidified in all dimensions through respect and attention to one another.

We call upon all individuals in society to embrace their role as citizens of the world, adhering to a common thread of humanity and embracing differences as a rich and nurturing source. Respecting others and appreciating the diverse ways of spirituality and beliefs contribute to fostering balance within society and its social fabric.

We believe that the future of humanity depends on the integration and interaction among different individuals, cultures, and faiths. The global community's responsibility lies in creating a peaceful and dynamic world based on understanding and empathy.

In conclusion, we emphasize the necessity of curbing extremism and hatred in the name of religion through education, awareness, and information dissemination. Encouraging accurate comprehension and promoting social and global coherence helps create a constructive environment for all generations, where unity, justice, and peace stand as prominent values.

In addition, we firmly denounce the actions of the extremist group known as ISIS (Daesh), which has committed acts of terror and violence in the name of religion.

Their distorted interpretation of religious teachings and the brutality they have unleashed upon innocent lives are not only reprehensible but also fundamentally contrary to the values upheld by all major religions.

The heinous acts carried out by ISISE, specially their last year and recent actions in Shahcheragh Shiraz (the Islamic Republic of Iran), have caused immeasurable suffering, displacement, and loss of life. Their attempts to sow fear and division among communities are starkly at odds with the universal principles of harmony, coexistence, and respect.

It is imperative that we stand united against such groups that seek to manipulate religion for their own sinister agendas. By condemning these actions and dissociating them from any authentic religious teachings, we emphasize that the acts of ISIS represent a distortion of faith and a betrayal of humanity's shared values.

Suggestions and Recommendations

Some suggested strategies for the international community to address and counter the threat posed by extremist groups like ISIS and other groups supported by certain Western states:

1. International Cooperation: Establish multinational teams to share information, intelligence analysis, and coordinate responses to extremist activities.

2. Enhance Support for Affected Countries: Provide assistance to countries in the region to strengthen their security forces, improve economic conditions, develop education, and reduce poverty and economic inequality.
3. Combat Propagation of Extremist Ideology: Strengthen independent media and educational programs to counter terrorist propaganda and promote universal human values.
4. Engage Local Communities: Encourage collaboration between governments and local communities to track and apprehend terrorists, and establish regional agreements to combat extremism.
5. Focus on Development: Create viable economic and social opportunities for youth to reduce the appeal of extremist groups.
6. Strengthen Border Security: Increase efforts to control borders and prevent illegal movement of individuals and equipment.
7. Prevent Online Propagation of Extremist Ideas: Engage with social media networks to track and halt the spread of extremist content.
8. Integrated Military and Non-military Efforts: Combine both military and non-military approaches to effectively counter extremism.

Condemning governments and organizations that provide financial, military, or political support to terrorist groups, including ISIS, in the Middle East is crucial. Such actions can lead to loss of innocent lives and immense suffering in the region. Establishing peace, international cooperation, and adherence to international laws can contribute to resolving these issues.

Conclusion

We call upon the global community, international organizations, governments- those who created a disaster called ISIS and developed them with their financial support and weapons, and today condemn their actions- and individuals of conscience to continue promoting understanding, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence among diverse faith communities. Together, we can counter the toxic ideology of extremism with the true essence of religions: compassion, empathy, and the pursuit of common good.
