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Statement of the ICSFT Concerning the Increased violence against Muslims in India

Assaults, violence, and hate speech against Muslims have recently increased in India. Arbitrary practices have not been limited to those done by the Indian authorities, but have led them to a massive wave of extremists to denigrate and torture and to carry out all forms of brutal physical attacks against Muslim citizens, which have amounted to murder and body representation in a number of Indian regions and cities.

Recently, Indian authorities in many states and cities have destroyed some Muslims' homes and property in addition to flogging using sticks without legal justification. Remarkably, some of India's official bodies and pro-Government television channels have praised the action of the police without finding the gravity of the violations. Additionally, this coincided with some armed Hindus entering Muslim areas and chanting Islamophobic slogans in front of mosques without police intervention at the time, leading to fighting among the population and further crimes against Muslims. However, this was not the case, but rather the fact that officials of the Indian Government made provocative statements to Muslim sentiments, including that of one of the officials of the ruling party who abused and disdained the Prophet Mohammed. All this fueled protests across India last June that the state faced with excessive violence, killing many protesters and arresting others, as well as destroying a number of homes.

On the other hand, the ruling party's policies and practices have been widely criticized as being specifically anti-Muslim, such as preventing headscarves in schools on the grounds that they are not essential to Islam, and preventing prayers outside mosques. In addition, some Hindu extremists have increasingly attacked Muslims in their ties, enacting new citizenship laws that prevent and may deprive some Muslims of their right to citizenship. These actions have been described as anti-Muslim and the criminalization of marriages between Muslims and Indians under the pretext of preventing so-called "love jihad", as well as residential laws threatening to transform Muslim areas into marginalized areas closer to ghettos.

The United Nations has expressed concerns to the Indian Government about some evictions that may constitute a form of collective and arbitrary punishment of Muslims and poor communities for their alleged involvement in civil violence. Some reports have been received of the failure of the authorities to investigate these incidents, including incitement to violence and intimidation, which originally contributed to the outbreak of such violence. Hence, the Indian authorities' continuation of violent practices against Muslims have become unacceptable and contrary to human rights and all relevant international and legal legislation.

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The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights recalls the importance of recalling India's humanitarian attitudes, the rules of which were established by Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi called for the restoration of national unity among Indians and respect for the rights of Muslims and their supporters. He held numerous positions in which he praised the Islamic religion and the Holy Apostle of God, and echoed numerous famous statements on various occasions bearing equitable expressions and testimonies of the religion.

The International Council also calls upon the Indian Government to cease immediately discriminatory practices against the Muslim minority in India and to hold accountable all those responsible for the deterioration of the situation and to bring them to this grave violation, which contravenes all divine laws and international covenants.

Finally, the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights calls upon the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteurs to follow the developments in India and to ensure that they are stopped as soon as possible. It calls upon human rights organizations to act immediately, diligently to monitor all violations, and to endeavor to expose them by various means.