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Greetings and Peace be Upon You,

The Global Imams Council (GIC) expresses its profound concern regarding the planned "Khilafah Conference 2025" by Hizb ut-Tahrir, scheduled to take place in Hamilton, Ontario, on January 18, 2025. Hizb ut-Tahrir is known globally for its radical ideology, rejection of democratic principles, and open advocacy for a global Islamist caliphate, a stance that directly contradicts Canadian values of democracy, peace, and coexistence.

This event, if allowed to proceed, poses a significant threat to social cohesion. The very notion of a conference promoting the establishment of a caliphate within Canada is deeply alarming and offensive, not only to the broader Canadian public but also to the overwhelming majority of Muslims in the country who uphold democratic values and actively contribute to Canada's multicultural society.

Hizb ut-Tahrir's stated agenda and extremist rhetoric foster division and isolate Muslims from the rest of society. Muslim youth have proven to be particularly vulnerable to their ideology and tactics. It is for these reasons that over 17 countries, including Germany, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, have taken decisive legal action against the group.

Allowing such an event to proceed in Canada risks undermining years of effort by Muslims who seek to build bridges of mutual respect and understanding. As an organization representing mainstream Muslim scholars and communities, The Global Imams Council views this conference as a blatant attempt to spread extremism under the guise of free speech.

We urge Public Safety Canada to intervene and prevent this event from taking place. Additionally, we request a thorough review of Hizb ut-Tahrir's activities within Canada with the possibility of a formal ban of the organization.

The GIC remains fully committed to supporting your office in safeguarding Canada's values of tolerance, unity, and peace. Thank you for your prompt attention to this pressing issue.

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