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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE GRAND MUFTI OF AUSTRALIA CLARIFIES STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO PARIS TERRORIST ATTACKS**

In reference to the media release issued by His Eminence, the Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamed and the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

We wish to emphasise it is incorrect to imply that the reference to causative factors provides justification for these acts of terrorism. There is no justification for the taking of innocent lives. The sanctity of human life is guaranteed in Islam.

Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamed and ANIC have consistently and unequivocally condemned all forms of terrorist violence. The Grand Mufti on 15th September 2014 said about ISIS that: "These criminals are committing crimes against humanity and sins against God."

Sadly, in the Paris attacks, people of various faith backgrounds including Islam were brutally murdered. We extend once again our deepest condolences to their families and friends.

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