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## **MUSLIMS AUSTRALIA (AFIC) MEDIA RELEASE**

### Australian Muslims Condemn Paris Attacks

Sydney, 16 November 2015

Mr Hafez Kassem, President of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, (Muslims Australia), condemn the heinous act of violence in Paris and other parts of the world. He said Australian Muslims are shocked and shaken as the rest of the Australian community at the senseless killing of innocence. He said we are saddened, pained and share our condolence with those who have lost loved ones and we pray for the recovery the injured and safety all human beings.

Mr Kassem further stated, "Muslims are outraged by this and other criminal acts committed by criminals and there is no basis or justification in Islam for such merciless acts of terrorism. He said, we stand together, united in our efforts to bring an end to this criminal madness that plagues societies across the globe".

He further said, "We are equally moved and hurt at what has happened, our plea to the wider Australian community is not to blame Islam or Muslims for these criminal acts and not to harbour resentment or target women and girls especially at this difficult time. Our hearts are heavy, our will is strong and we pray to Almighty God to keep this nation united and safe".

Hafez Kassem President

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