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The Jewish-Muslim Religious Fraternity Project

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A Declaration of Interfaith Reconciliation

As part of a long-term effort to promote Jewish-Muslim reconciliation, a delegation of Jewish and Muslim faith leaders gathered at the IDCT Conference in Abu Dhabi, on June 3, 2026, to issue the following declaration:

With a shared commitment to fostering genuine understanding and respectful dialogue between our Jewish and Muslim communities, we acknowledge the deep-rooted historical complexities that have shaped their relations.

Rooted in our shared humanity as descendants of Adam, we view the deepening of religious fraternity between Jews and Muslims not merely as a means to ease tensions but as a revival of our common Abrahamic heritage and a fulfillment of God's will. This delegation is part of a long-term process of dialogue, joint study, and cooperation. Its purpose is to make our religious identities a source of connection rather than conflict.

We draw inspiration from the al-Madina Constitution of the 7th century, which brought our communities together, as well as from the historic Nostra Aetate declaration of 1965, which marked a pivotal shift in Jewish-Christian relations. As we commemorate its 60th anniversary in 2025, we seek to build upon its legacy by embarking on a parallel journey for Jewish-Muslim relations.

This endeavor will critically examine both the convergences and distinctions between our traditions, with the overarching aim of equipping our communities with the wisdom and perspective necessary to address illnesses in the world that plague our ability to coexist in lasting peace.

The road ahead is long and fraught with complexities. Our efforts will require strategic planning, scholarly engagement, participation in global forums, dedicated women-led interfaith dialogue, and the dissemination of our shared vision through educational and media channels, and more. We do not presume to predict the timeline or ultimate success of this undertaking. However, we recognize that it holds the potential to be one of the most significant interfaith initiatives of our time.

"We, the undersigned, guided by hope and faith, commit to taking the first step on this journey. We invite all of you to join this endeavor."

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