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To Whom It May Concern:

Assalamu alaikum,

We, the Canadian Council of Imams, support the much-needed work of Justice for All Canada, which is a Canadian human rights organization advocating on behalf of the indigenous Muslim minorities facing oppression, crimes against humanity and genocide. It is the only Muslim-led advocacy organization working in the human rights space today.

Justice for All Canada, under its most prominent initiative Burma Task Force, has been at the forefront of advocating for the rights of our Rohingya brothers and sisters since 2012. Alhamdulillah through the support of community partners, including CCI, Justice for All Canada has achieved some significant milestones for the Rohingya people, including:

1. The Canadian parliament unanimously declaring the persecution of Rohingya a Genocide;
2. Stripped Aung San Suu Kyi of her honorary Canadian citizenship;
3. Allocating more than \$300 million in aid for Rohingya refugees; and
4. Sending a special envoy to Myanmar led by Bob Rae.

Over the past two years, Justice for All Canada has launched three new campaigns: Save Uighur, Free Kashmir, Save India.

The vision and work of Justice for All Canada entitles it to be Zakat-eligible under two categories of Zakat, namely: الرقاب وفي سبيل الله or 'Riqab' (freedom from bondage) and 'Fi Sabilillah' (in the way of God). The campaigns of Justice for All Canada are focused on achieving freedom, autonomy, and right of self-determination of the persecuted Muslim minorities from oppressive regimes. Gaining freedom from tyrannical masters should be given a top priority today, with millions of people becoming refugees, stateless, and imprisoned in concentration camps around the globe. Freeing people from bondage (Riqab) has its contemporary equivalent in freeing people (such as Rohingya, Uighur, and Kashmiri Muslims) from subjugation and disgrace of oppressive powers. Similarly, the work of advocacy and education for human rights campaigns can be classified under the Fi Sabilillah category of Zakat-eligibility.

Please support the work of social justice, which is also a Fard Kifayah (a communal obligation) that Justice for All Canada is fulfilling on behalf of the Canadian Muslim community.

Thank you

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