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Statement in wake of Mumbai and other recent terrorist attacks

The horrific attacks in Mumbai, like a number of recent overseas conflicts and attacks, have an impact on communities in the countries where they take place but also far beyond their shores – including people and communities in the UK with links of family and faith.

As the Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Inter Faith Network for the UK we wish to express our sympathy and offer our prayers for those injured or bereaved in the Mumbai attacks, as well as in others; to condemn terrorist violence; and to affirm the crucial importance of work to increase inter religious and inter community understanding in the UK as well as internationally.

Here in the UK, it is particularly important for the upholding and deepening of good inter faith relations that we seek ways to handle well the impact of overseas events of this kind and are able to talk together about these in ways which increase understanding rather than leading to suspicion and distrust or inter community tension.

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Note for Editors:

The Inter Faith Network for the UK was founded in 1987. It links in membership national representative organisations of the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian faiths in the UK; national, regional and local inter faith organisations; and educational and academic bodies with an interest in inter faith issues.

It works with its member bodies and other agencies to promote good relations between the faith communities in the UK; to combat inter religious prejudice and intolerance; and to help make the UK a country marked by mutual understanding and respect between religions where all can practise their faith with integrity.

For further information please see the Network's website at www.interfaith.org.uk or contact the office on 020 7931 7766.