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PRESS RELEASE

FIANZ Condemns Paris Attack

The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand unequivocally condemns the recent shooting in Paris.

We stand in solidarity with all New Zealanders in denouncing such unjustifiable behaviour. Our communities sympathise with the people of France at this trying times. Our thoughts are with those who have been specifically affected by the shooting in Paris.

We value freedom of speech tempered with social and cultural sensitivities. We fully respect the diversity and the different cultures that co-exist peacefully in New Zealand.

The Federation would like to call upon all Muslim New Zealanders to remain calm in the face of any potential provocation that may arise as a reaction to recent events in France. We should not allow such events occurring outside New Zealand to affect the peace and tranquillity we enjoy here.

In these difficult times, New Zealanders of all race and religions should rally together to build bridges across different ethnicities and help keep our country safe and secure for ourselves, our families and friends.

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