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ONLINE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MUSLIMS AGAINST RACISM AND IN SUPPORT OF ECOLOGICAL “POST-PANDEMIC UMMAH. LEADERS’ OPINION” - 22nd OF JULY, 2020, 01:00 p.m. (London)

On July 22, 2020 at 1 pm GMT, the European Muslim Forum held a large online conference themed MUSLIMS OF EUROPE AGAINST RACISM AND IN SUPPORT OF ECOLOGICAL BALANCE: “UMMA AFTER PANDEMIC. LEADERS’ OPINION” with the participation of its European and American partners.

A 7 hour conference, unprecedented by format and scale, that covered 25 capitals, was conducted in 4 languages – providing simultaneous translation for both participants and the viewers.

The conference was attended by world Muslim and non-Muslim leaders, theologians and exclusive guests, statesmen and public figures, scientists and famous speakers, who shared their views on a given agenda and the most pressing issues, such as racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, regional problems, including discussion of the Palestinian settlement, conflicts in Libya, Yemen, the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

The President of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas addressed the conference participants with a welcoming speech.

The Muslims of Europe also reiterated the concerns over oppressed Muslim minorities of Rohingya, Kashmir and the Uighurs in China.

The most recent issues of concern to the European Ummah were also brought into focus: the arson of the Islamic center of Copenhagen, the closure of the only mosque in Athens, and intra-community clashes associated with the fight against drug addiction among Muslims in France.

The problems of European Muslims, regarding Islamophobia along with the lack of unity and consolidation, were mentioned as well. The speakers, thus, emphasized the need for greater involvement of all Muslim groups in the development of European institutions and intra-European cooperation.

Many participants have expressed solidarity with the decision of Turkish government to revive Hagia-Sophia as a mosque and to restore historical justice.

Speakers supported the need for greater involvement of various Muslim groups in the development of European institutions and intra-European cooperation. Stressing the need to reform international institutions to establish a more equitable world structure.

Special emphasis was put on preventing the spread of coronavirus infection by sharing the experience in adaptation of quarantine rules by various Muslim communities.

Steps and ways of overcoming the post-pandemic crisis were discussed, given the changed social conditions and with respect to the moral obligation of believers for conducting collective prayers in mosques.

We are confident that the acquired experience, will allow European Muslims to constitute a more effective and united force in solving issues and challenges faced not solely by Muslims, but the humanity as a whole.

This conference has undoubtedly elevated the Muslim community of Europe to a new level. Proving our capability for independently organizing ourselves, without the support of any outside forces. Proving our capacity to hold such internationally significant events.

As a result of the conference, the operative part of the conclusions and recommendations for action were announced and adopted. The corresponding document will be published in the near future.

To learn more about European Muslim Forum and to access the records of the conference sessions, please, follow this link:

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