



## **Resolution on the terrorist attacks in New Zealand**

In response to the terrorist attacks on two mosques in the New Zealand city of Christchurch on 15 March 2019, in which 50 people were killed and another 50 injured, the IDC-EDI:

1. Extends its sympathy and solidarity to all the victims of the attacks, to their families and to the people of New Zealand – a country known for its commitment to democracy, for protecting minority rights and for its peacefully coexisting religions;
2. Reiterates its concern about the global nature of the terrorist threat and expresses its dismay at the rise in supremacist attacks against religious and racial minorities in developed countries;
3. Strongly condemns all forms of terrorism and reaffirms its commitment to democratic values and human rights;
4. Recognises that democratic states governed by the rule of law have a responsibility to guarantee their citizens' safety, and urges their governments to bolster international cooperation in order to completely eliminate the scourge of terrorism;
5. Recognises the importance of education in the development of more tolerant and peaceful societies and calls on states to commit further to implementing public policies that promote integration and intercultural dialogue;
6. Calls on authorities and social network administrators to intensify their cooperation in order to avoid terrorists using the internet as a means to spread their ideology and messages of hate;
7. Reiterates that no form of terrorism is acceptable, that there is no room for negotiation with terrorist groups and demands that the relevant authorities in each state rightfully apply the law against organisers, financiers and perpetrators of terrorist attacks.

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