

## **Joint Statement in Solidarity with those Facing Xenophobia due to COVID-19**

Amid the spread of COVID-19, the world is facing heightened tensions and concerns over the safety and health of individuals, families, and communities. During such trying times, dealing with an information overload, as well as misinformation, has had a large impact on societies, creating division, not only physically, but also based on race and ethnicity. Unfortunately, uncertainty often prompts growing fears, which in turn stoke anger and fuel actions of xenophobia, discrimination and hate.

Protecting others from prejudice and xenophobia is a responsibility we all share. We would like to send out a joint message to promote inclusion and solidarity. Everyone should be protected, no matter where in the world they find themselves during this global crisis, or what their legal status is.

As diaspora organisations from across the world we stand together in order to safeguard our communities by tackling xenophobia. We affirm that an attack on one diaspora community in the world is an attack on all of us and our way of life. We are committed to working together, strengthening our dialogue, and learning from each other so we can better serve our communities across the globe.

We are seeking your kind support in raising awareness on this growing concern. Each person and each act of kindness and acceptance matters.

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