

## **Muslim Association of Canada**

**Mississauga – February 21, 2017** – The Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) issued the following statement:

It has come to the attention of the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) that a junior employee in our downtown mosque, Masjid Toronto, used language during prayers that was unacceptable and against the values and practices of MAC, Masjid Toronto and the Muslim community at large.

The incident occurred when inappropriate supplications, in Arabic, were added without authorization, and in contravention to MAC's code of conduct for participants.

Upon learning of this incident, MAC issued an immediate apology. The employee involved has also offered an apology of his own.

Today MAC has initiated an internal investigation into this incident. We will be looking both at what happened, and at how to make certain such incidents do not happen again. The employee has been suspended from his duties.

Today we have also reached out to leaders in the Jewish community to express our sincere apology for this incident, and to continue the dialogue between our communities.

MAC is committed to our shared Canadian values of diversity, respect and religious tolerance.

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