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Mr. Ahmed Shaheed Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief c/o Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights United Nations at Geneva 8-14 avenue de la Paix CH-1211 Geneva 10 Switzerland

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Dear Mr Shaheed,

RE: Persecution of Ahmadi Muslims

I am writing to share with you a copy of the UK All Party Parliamentary Group for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's report on the denial of freedom of religion and the human rights violations of Ahmadi Muslims around the world.

The report, titled 'Suffocation of the Faithful: Persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan and the rise of International extremism' was the first of its kind in response to the worrying increase of Ahmadi Muslim persecution.

Such persecution is not limited to Pakistan alone, as anti-Ahmadi hate has also surfaced in countries across the globe. There has also been a worrying rise in hate speech on satellite television, the internet and social media.

Given the contents, I wanted to share it with you directly. I would be grateful for your comment and if you could share it with those working closely on the issue of freedom of religion and belief.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community