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IDC CONDEMNS MARCH 2019 DEADLY ATTACKS IN NEW ZEALAND

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) joins with other organizations, agencies, groups, individuals and institutions worldwide in expressing strong and unequivocal condemnation of the mass killing of 49 persons and injury to scores of others in “terrorist attacks” in New Zealand described by New Zealand’s Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern as an “unprecedented act of violence” and “one of New Zealand’s darkest days. IDC considers this most brutal and despicable act as inhuman, senseless, unforgivable and unjustified criminal action directed to cause tremendous death and injury while creating widespread fear among innocent citizens in the New Zealand and other countries.

We consider these killings heinous acts against humanity. IDC’s global membership shares the pain and anguish of those affected and extend our condolences to the families of the victims with prayers for complete and speedy recovery of those injured.

IDC commends law enforcement and medical services of New Zealand with prompt and diligent efforts emergency services to the survivors and their families. We fully support all measures taken to subdue and kill the perpetrators, and to bring security, calm and confidence to the people of New Zealand and urge all efforts to prevent similar attacks in the future. We share in the belief that such callous and uncivilized crimes perpetrated against innocent people cannot diminish the desire and courage to live peacefully with dignity and their hard won freedoms.

IDC expresses deep concern for the victims of the tragedy, their families, friends and associates. We are very confident that the people will endure this national disaster while they retain courage, sense of dignity, pride, their values and their freedom.

New Zealand, a member of the British Commonwealth, is a country of nearly 5 million people in the southwestern Pacific Ocean consisting of 2 main islands, both marked by volcanoes and glaciation, with its capital of Wellington.

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.