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**Urgent Humanitarian Appeal for Support and Mediation in the Case of
Mr. Anujan Sivarasa**

Dear Secretary General
Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you both as a Board Member of KAICIID and on behalf of the Hindu association SAIVANERIKOODAM in Bern, Switzerland, with an urgent and heartfelt appeal regarding the critical situation of **Mr. Anujan Sivarasa**, a Sri Lankan national currently facing severe legal consequences in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Our association is an active member of the House of Religions in Bern - a unique institution where diverse faith communities live, work, and collaborate to foster interreligious dialogue, mutual respect and peaceful coexistence. For the Tamil Hindu community in the Bern region. Our temple is far more than a place of worship, it is a space of encounter, deep compassion, understanding and shared humanity.

It is with profound concern that we have learned of the grave circumstances surrounding Mr. Anujan Sivarasa. According to the information available to us, he has been prosecuted in connection with a statement concerning the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) and we understand that he is currently facing the possibility of the death penalty.

We wish to state explicitly that we fully respect the laws, religious traditions, and judicial institutions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It is in no way our intention to question the Saudi legal system or interfere with its judicial proceedings.

Instead, we turn to KAICIID as a bridge-building organization devoted to interreligious and intercultural dialogue, mutual respect, peace, and reconciliation. We respectfully ask whether there might be any possibility for your organization to provide humanitarian support or mediation in this deeply tragic case.

We do not seek to justify or minimize Mr. Sivarasa's statement. We understand that words perceived as insulting to the Prophet Muhammad can deeply wound the religious sentiments of Muslims worldwide. We sincerely regret that this painful situation has arisen.

At the same time, we have been informed that Mr. Sivarasa deeply regrets his actions today. He fully recognizes that he committed a serious error and feels profound remorse.

He sincerely desires to learn from this mistake, take responsibility for his actions, and redeem his life.

As a faith community, we believe that while human beings are capable of committing grave errors, they should also be granted the opportunity to acknowledge their wrongdoing, demonstrate genuine repentance and seek redemption.

We therefore respectfully and urgently request KAICIID to consider if, and in what capacity, it might be possible to facilitate a humanitarian approach in this case. In particular, we kindly ask if you might be able to:

- Review the situation of Mr. Anujan Sivarasa with due urgency.
- Reach out to the relevant authorities, insofar as this aligns with your diplomatic and humanitarian mandate.
- Advocate for a merciful and compassionate resolution; and Forward our appeal to the appropriate religious and governmental authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Our most earnest request is that, wherever legally possible, the death penalty be commuted and that Mr. Sivarasa be granted a second chance at life.
- This plea is entirely free of political motivations or hidden agendas. It stems simply from a shared belief in the sacred dignity of every human life, and in the enduring power of compassion, forgiveness, repentance, and reconciliation.
- Precisely because KAICIID brings people of different faiths together to build bridges of understanding, we hold on to the hope that you will consider this urgent appeal and assist us in any way possible.

We would be deeply grateful to learn whether KAICIID sees any avenue for assistance, mediation, or forwarding our letter to the appropriate authorities.

Thank you most sincerely for your time, consideration, and compassionate response.

Yours faithfully



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