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### Islam & World Peace ♦

The word 'Islam' itself denotes peace and tranquility, however, due to confusion and negative approach adopted by the general media against Islam, its very basic objective to establish peace and harmony in society has become blurred. Therefore, the theologians have reasserted in their Fourteenth Seminar the role of Islam in upholding the world peace. The following instructions were made in the Seminar.

- 2.1 Each and every such act of violence which aims at inducing fear or danger in any individual or community without any valid reason or which puts his life, property, honour and dignity, country, religion and faith at stake, can be termed as Terrorism. It is immaterial whether any individual, organisation or government perpetrates this act, as such.
- 2.2 Any such activity or action taken by the State or Government or authority which makes any individual or organisation bereft of it's fundamental rights or which harms it in some way or the other, is also nothing short of Terrorism.
- 2.3 It is the basic right of the victim or oppressed person to raise his voice against any kind of injustice, through effective and appropriate means. The defense by the victim against oppression or tyranny cannot be termed as Terrorism.
- 2.4 It is not permissible to seek vengeance from an innocent person belonging to the group, which is supposedly responsible for oppression and tyranny.
- 2.5 The possible solution to the menace of terrorism is to provide fairness and justice to all the people in an effective manner, to ensure complete respect for human rights, safeguard and protection of life and property and to provide due opportunity to all human beings to lead a life with honour and dignity, irrespective of any radical, religious, caste-based or gender distinctions.
- 2.6 In the event of any attack on the life, property and dignity of any individual, one has the full right to defend himself.

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