



## Final statement

### DICID conference Doha 16-17 Feb 2016

At 12<sup>th</sup> Doha Interfaith Conference, held on February 16 - 17, 2016 on the theme 'Spiritual and Intellectual Safety in the Light of Religious Doctrines',

With the participation of Muslim, Christian and Jewish leaders, alongside leading thinkers and academics in interfaith relations,

The conference started with a noble speech by His Excellency, Dr Hassan Bin Lahdan, Al-Hasan Al-Mahnadi, the Minister of Justice of the State of Qatar, who stated that Conference is under the patronage of the Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani

During the conference Doha International Centre for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID) gave the 3<sup>rd</sup> Doha award for interfaith work, divided this year between three international associations and two individuals for their work in interfaith relations to foster understanding and whose activities protect the security and spirituality across the world.

After two days of talks, 4 open sessions, 9 small group seminars and 108 papers dealing with the topic, we arrived at this final statement

- 1) **Doha Statement for Spiritual and Intellectual Safety ;**
- 2) Participants emphasize that “ **Istanbul Process 16/18 on combating intolerance and discrimination based on religion and belief**, and **Marrakech Statement**, are the most important pillars that contribute to the establishment of mechanism which protect religions, in order to ensure spiritual and intellectual safety for societies.
- 3) To emphasize on commitment to the brotherhood of the divine religions, and commend cooperation among the followers of these religions in the search for peace, love and stability.
- 4) To warn against radical and terrorist speech, both intellectually and socially, through the establishment of a effective media and academic

structure, in order to develop an enlightened discourse of tolerance mutual respect;

- 5) Religious leaders call for holding an international conference, to address all forms of contempt and insult the sacred symbols of all regions.
- 6) Participants condemn all forms of hatred and intolerances speeches that incites to violence.
- 7) To call for establishment of a real partnership between international and local associations committed to interfaith dialogue and promote the value of common action
- 8) To call for a re-evaluation of the school curricula in particular to remove anything that calls for violence and to emphasize the values of tolerance, peace, mercy amongst humanity;
- 9) To call for solidarity with countries under terrible conflict, and support international efforts to resolve their problems and bring back stability and security.

Doha, 17 of February 2016