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The Hon Kevin Andrews MP Minister for Immigration & Citizenship PO Box 6022 House of Representatives Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Minister Andrews,

Recently there have been reports in the media with respect to the Federal Government's suggested proposal to ban the Muslim head scarf otherwise known as the Hijab at Australian Airports.

We would like to discuss this issue with you as a matter of urgency.

Appreciate your prompt response,

With warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ikebal Adam Patel, President of AFIC.

Representing the following state councils and their member Organisations:

The Muslim Council of New South Wales

Islamic Council of Victoria

Islamic Council of Oueensland

Islamic Councill of Christmas Islands

Islamic Council of ACT

Tasmanian Muslim Association

Islamic Council of South Australia

Islamic Council of Northern Territory

Islamic Council of Western Australia