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Common Declaration

Of the
First Session of Dialogue
Between

The International Islamic Forum for Dialogue (IIFD) & The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)

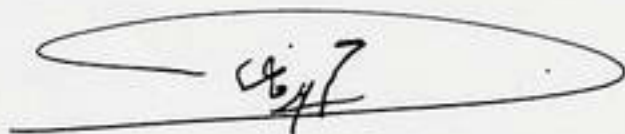
By the help of Allah (God) the First Session of Dialogue between the International Islamic Forum for Dialogue (IIFD) and The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) was held in Cairo- Arab Republic of Egypt, from 15-17/3/2005 correspond to 5-7/2/142.

The Muslim Delegation was headed by H. E. Prof. Dr. Hamid Bin Ahmad Al Rifaie, the President of the International Islamic Forum for Dialogue , and the Christian Delegation was headed by Mr. Guirguis Ibrahim Saleh, the General Secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches. The topic of the dialogue was "Religion and the aims of dialogue". After discussing the two papers presented from the two delegations, the two groups agree to announce this Common Declaration committing themselves to the following values and principles:

1. Assuring that the dialogue among the followers of the religion and culture is religious duty, civilisational method and ethical behaviour.
2. The mutual acquaintance among the followers of religions and cultures is an urging request, and basic aim, in order to organize their conceptions and to realize their mutual understanding.
3. Building Earth and establishing justice among people is a joint religious duty to achieve the task of mankind in Earth, obeying to the will of Allah (God) and achieving of his Satisfaction.
4. The Holiness of mankind life and his dignity are gifts of Almighty. We have to work together to respect it and not to violate it.
5. Rooting and widening the understanding of the human fraternity among human generations.

6. Emphasizing that cordiality, mercy, peace, and equality are the base of the relationships and safe coexistence among people.
7. The Family based on legal marriage between man and woman is the base of the up-growing of responsible generation and for building safe communities.
8. Assuring the respect of the religious and cultural particularities on the base of respecting the religious and cultural diversities among people.
9. Environment: is the home of humanity and the source of food and security. We have to keep it safe, and not corrupt it.
10. Working together according to an agreed mechanism between ourselves, to activate the principles and values through all legal available means, in order to up growing generations and to reform their culture and behavior.

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