



RESOLUTION NO. 395

“The Senate of Pakistan,-

STRONGLY CONDEMNS the venomous, vicious and contemptuous decision of Mr. Geert Wilders, the notorious Islamophobe, belonging to the Dutch Party of Freedom, to hold a “Draw Muhammad Cartoon Competition” to be held later this year in the Netherlands.

CONSIDERS that the proposed competition tantamounts to inciting hatred, racial prejudice, unrest, conflict and insecurity in a world that has already seen much bloodshed, racism, extremism, intolerance and Islamophobia and badly needs peace, interfaith harmony, mutual respect and tolerance.

RECORDS that several countries have anti blasphemy laws and a number of instruments of international law are in field including Article 20 and paragraph 3 of Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights of the UNO, UNHCR’s Rabat Plan of Action, The European Court of Human Rights and the European Guidelines on Freedom of Religion and Belief.

REAFFIRMS that the love for our beloved Prophet (PBUH) is beyond any doubt a part of our faith and no Muslim can tolerate any such vicious, contemptuous and calculated insult of our beloved Prophet (PBUH).

Reiterates that under the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, Islam is the State religion and it is the responsibility of the State to preserve, protect and promote Islam, therefore, it must stand up and articulate the general will of the Muslims of Pakistan against the proposed competition.

RECOMMENDS that;



- (1) a formal protest may be lodged with the Dutch Government through its embassy in Islamabad;
- (2) a special session of OIC may be convened to formally engage the EU, United Nations and individual states to chalk out limits of freedom of expression to maintain global peace, harmony, and tolerance while ensuring freedom of expression within reasonable, and lawful limitations dictated by the common good of humanity at large;
- (3) the Government should agitate this issue at the UN General Assembly for developing global consensus against such blasphemous initiatives by a handful of mischief mongers whose sole aim seems to be creating communal discord and social unrest;
- (4) the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony should constitute a Committee of Muslim intellectuals and experts to deliberate on the issue and frame workable proposals for preventing such blasphemous movies, cartoons, books and other such content.

Moved by Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House on his own behalf and on behalf of Senators Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Sirajul Haq, Dr. Sikandar Mandhro, Mushahid Ullah Khan, Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, Anwar ul Haq Kakar, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Mushtaq Ahmed

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RESOLUTION NO. 396

"This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps for creation of analytical data base wing in all Ministries in order to facilitate Policy making of the respective Ministry."

Moved by Senator Syed Shibli Faraz,
Leader of the House.

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RESOLUTION NO. 397

"This House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps to ensure appointment of differently abled persons against the quota reserved for them in the Federal Government Departments."

Moved by Senator Sirajul Haq on his own behalf and on behalf of Senator Mushtaq Ahmed

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