



RESOLUTION NO.89

"The Senate of Pakistan condemns in strongest terms the republication in Denmark of the globally condemned blasphemous cartoons caricaturing the Prophet of Islam (pbuh). Serious tensions are brewing in Holland because of a sacrilegious film against Islam. All these efforts seem to be part of a campaign aimed at denigrating Islam, insulting Islamic role models and injuring the feelings of the Muslims the world over. These outrageous attacks may also be a part of a game-plan to provoke some persons into violent reaction.

The Senate of Pakistan regards these attacks on Islam and its Prophet (pbuh) as a moral crime, a religious outrage and part of a political campaign directed towards a clash of civilizations. It can also have serious implications for harmonious relations between different religious communities. Such malicious acts cannot be accepted in the name of freedom of expression. While freedom of expression is sacrosanct, it cannot be allowed to become freedom to insult, slander, libel, abuse and provoke. It is height of hypocrisy that some of the countries of Europe which have made the denial of Holocaust as a crime punishable with imprisonment, have given free licence to fanatics to demonise Islam and promote hatred and conflict amongst religious communities.

While condemning these efforts the Senate asks the government of Pakistan to take appropriate and effective steps to mobilize the governments and people of all Muslim and peace-loving countries of the world to resort to all necessary {diplomatic and other} measures to condemn and counter these efforts which threaten peace and harmony between different religions and cultures."

Moved by Senator Wasim Sajjad on his own behalf and on behalf of Senators Mian Raza Rabbani, Prof. Khurshid Ahmed, Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Liaqat A. Bangulzai and Maulana Gul Naseeb Khan, Unanimously Passed by the House on 26th February, 2008