**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION
RELIGIOUS LEADERS DECLARATION**

We, the signatories, recognise that:

1. Female Genital Mutilation, in all its types, is a grave violation of the rights of girls and women.
2. Female Genital Mutilation is child abuse and a violation of a child’s bodily integrity as well as their right to health.
3. Female Genital Mutilation can have serious consequences for a woman’s health and in some instances can lead to death.
4. Female Genital Mutilation is not a religious requirement. Causing harm and distress is not condoned by our faith.

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