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**Media release**

**AFIC condemns anti-Muslim cartoons, calls for shunning of Charlie Hebdo**

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Charlie Hebdo (CH) was once a publication that spoke truth to power with satirical caricatures that influenced attitudes. It is very upsetting, however, with its republication of malicious caricatures that lie about the greatest person to have graced this world, the prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, CH transformed from a positive influence into a cheap sensationalistic tabloid that attacks and offends the most unfairly maligned faith community in this world. CH has become the bully that now needs good decent people to stand up to it and say: enough. We do not stand with you.

With this gratuitous attack on Muslims, CH has reinvigorated the "Them and Us" pundits on all sides.

It is incredible to fathom the political machinations involved that as President Macron visits majority-Muslim Lebanon, such highly malicious caricatures are published and, in the colonist, customary hubris, Macron cites freedom of speech whilst simultaneously warning economically devastated Lebanon of sanctions. France's neo-colonialism is most unwelcome.

AFIC strives for all the members of the human family to live together in harmony, the actions of CH unfortunately create division distrust and distress.

Failing an immediate retraction and apology, we call on all to boycott this offensive publication.

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