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From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:48 AM
To: Hussain, Rashad; Sullivan, Jacob J; [redacted] Posner, Michael H; Sherman, Wendy R; Jones, Beth E; Johnson Cook, Suzan; PA FO Group; Rosenthal, Hannah S
Cc: Suleman, Arsalan; Hossain, Sameer; Nadel, Daniel L (DRL)
Subject: Re: OIC Statement

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thank you so much Rashad

From: Hussain, Rashad
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 08:36 AM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Mills, Cheryl D; [redacted] Posner, Michael H; Sherman, Wendy R; Jones, Beth E; Johnson Cook, Suzan; PA FO Group; Rosenthal, Hannah S
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From: Cenk Uraz [mailto:cenk.uraz@oic-oci.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:33 AM
To: Hussain, Rashad
Cc: 'iktgokcen@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Urgent: Anti-Islamic Film and violence
Importance: High

Dear Rashad,

Our sincere condolences on the loss of US diplomatic staff in Benghazi. Please find below the OIC press release on the subject matter which is being issued.

Regards,
Cenk

The OIC Condemns Violent Acts at American Missions in Cairo and Benghazi

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu strongly condemned the tragic killing of the US Ambassador to Libya along with three other Consulate officials in Benghazi. In a statement issued in Jeddah today, the OIC Secretary General said that he was shocked by the reprehensible act which could not be condoned on any grounds. He also expressed grave concern attack at the US Embassy in Cairo. He said the violence that had emanated from emotions aroused by a production of a film had hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims. The two incidents demonstrated serious repercussions of abuse of freedom of expression that OIC had consistently been warning against. The OIC Secretary General added that while the film was a deplorable act of incitement, resorting to violence resulting in loss of innocent lives could not be condoned. The OIC Secretary General called for restraint and urged the concerned law enforcing officials to take all necessary measures to bring

the situation under control. He added that the international community could not be held hostage to the acts of extremists on either side. The Secretary General believed that the solution could only be found by addressing the issues pertaining to the freedom of religion and freedom of expression through structured international engagement and referred to the OIC initiative embodied in UN Human Rights Council Resolution 16/18 and the Istanbul Process for its consensual implementation which provide with the avenues for such engagement.

Jeddah, 12 September 2012

From: Hussain, Rashad [<mailto:HussainR@state.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:10 PM
To: Ufuk Gokcen; Cenk Uraz
Subject: Urgent: Anti-Islamic Film and violence

Ambassador Gokcen and Cenk,

I hope you are doing well. I am sure you are considering putting out a statement on the film and the related violence. In addition to the condemnation of the disgusting depictions, it will be important to emphasize the need to respond in a way that is consistent with Islamic principles, i.e., not engaging in violence and taking innocent life. We are concerned about violence that could spread across the region, particularly on Friday after prayers. Thanks for your attention to this and I look forward to catching up with you by phone as well.

Rashad

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