

**Message from H.E. Ambassador António de Almeida Ribeiro
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Dear Honorable Guests, Esteemed Members of EuLeMa, and Distinguished Participants,

It is with great honor and deep appreciation that I extend my warmest greetings to you all on this historic occasion of the IFTAR organized by the European Muslim Leaders' Majlis (EuLeMa) at the European Parliament. This remarkable gathering represents a milestone in interreligious and intercultural dialogue, reinforcing the shared values of coexistence, understanding, and mutual respect within Europe.

The International Dialogue Centre – KAICIID has had the privilege of supporting EuLeMa's engagement with European institutions, recognizing its critical role in fostering constructive dialogue between Muslim leaders and European policymakers. Through initiatives aimed at combatting hate speech, enhancing interfaith cooperation, and promoting religious freedom, EuLeMa has emerged as a vital platform for bridging diverse communities and strengthening the voice of Muslim leaders in the European landscape.

In recent years, KAICIID has actively facilitated EuLeMa's efforts in engaging with European institutions, enabling meaningful discussions on interreligious pathways to social cohesion, human dignity, and fundamental rights. Whether through its involvement in high-level dialogues at the European Parliament, collaboration with the Muslim Jewish Leadership Council (MJLC), or efforts to counter discrimination and promote inclusivity, EuLeMa has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to building a more harmonious and united Europe.

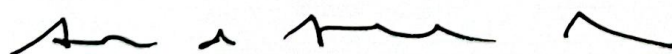
This IFTAR, held in such a significant venue, is a testament to the growing recognition of interfaith dialogue as a powerful instrument for peace and unity. It underscores the need for continued collaboration between religious communities and European institutions in addressing shared challenges and forging a future rooted in respect, solidarity, and hope.

I regret that I am unable to be with you on this special occasion. As you are aware, KAICIID is undergoing a period of transition, during which I am carrying significant responsibilities. However, please know that my thoughts are with you, and I deeply appreciate the work being done here today.

KAICIID remains steadfast in its mission to support such initiatives, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening platforms that promote dialogue and understanding. As we reflect on this momentous occasion, let us continue to work together to advance our common goal of fostering peace, cooperation, and a shared sense of humanity.

I extend my sincere congratulations to EuLeMa and all involved in organizing this significant event. May this IFTAR serve as an inspiration for future engagements that further enrich the spirit of dialogue and unity across Europe.

With my highest considerations and best wishes, and Ramadan Kareem to all of you



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