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## **Montreal Holocaust Museum's Statement on the Terrorist Attack at the Sainte-Foy Mosque**

Montreal, Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – We, at the Montreal Holocaust Museum, wish to express our solidarity with the Muslim communities of Quebec on this tragic day.

An attack against people gathered in peaceful prayer is an islamophobic assault that concerns all of us. We express our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims, people of the Muslim faith and all Quebecers. The murder of innocent people because of their faith is an assault on values which we hold dear, including freedom of religion and religious expression, the equal rights and protection of minorities, and particularly the sanctity of human life.

The attack on the Islamic Cultural Centre of Québec is a line in the sand. This attack has been perpetrated in a context in which it has become legitimate to spread bigotry and hate, a world which targets minorities and normalises an « us and them » mentality.

Quebecers, Canadians, world citizens can no longer sit inactive. Our goal must be the promotion of respect for, and appreciation of diversity, and an understanding of the fundamental humanity that unites all of us.

**About the Montreal Holocaust Museum:** The Montreal Holocaust Museum educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the Holocaust, while sensitizing the public to the universal perils of antisemitism, racism, hate and indifference.

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