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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**IDC CONDEMNS MAY 22, 2017 BOMBING IN MANCHESTER, U.K.**

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) joins with other organizations, agencies, groups, individuals and institutions worldwide in expressing strong and unequivocal condemnation of the bombing in Manchester, United Kingdom on May 22, 2017 which killed 22 innocent people, including 7 children, and left many more injured. IDC considers this brutal and despicable act as inhuman, senseless, unforgivable and unjustified criminal action directed to cause tremendous death and injury while creating widespread fear among innocent citizens in the United Kingdom and other countries.

We consider these killings heinous acts against humanity, the 13<sup>th</sup> attack in Europe since 2015 claiming more than 300 lives, and coming soon after recent attacks in France, USA and other countries. IDC's global membership shares the pain and anguish of those affected and extend our condolences to the families of the victims with prayers for speedy recovery of those injured.

IDC commends law enforcement and medical services of Manchester in particular, and the United Kingdom in general, with prompt and diligent efforts emergency services to the survivors and their families. We fully support all measures taken to bring security, calm and confidence to the people of the United Kingdom and urge all efforts to prevent similar attacks in the future. We share in the belief that such callous and uncivilized crimes perpetrated against innocent people cannot diminish the desire and courage to live peacefully with dignity and their hard won freedoms.

IDC expresses deep concern for the victims of the tragedy, their families, friends and associates. We are very confident that the people will endure this national disaster while they retain courage, sense of dignity, pride, their values and their freedom.

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*Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*