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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 25th November, 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: I was recently invited to attend a function held by the Ahmadiyya Pan-African Association celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the independence of several African countries. Many of these countries have lived for a long time under foreign rule as virtual slaves. This is why holding these independence celebrations are so important for them.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh sends His Prophets into the world also to free and deliver mankind, but many nations have failed to understand this and have suffered Divine retribution.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The greatest example before us is that of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم who, even today, liberates everyone who follows him.

Quoting verses from the Holy Qur'ān and Ahādīth in which kindness to slaves is stressed and the merit of freeing them is highlighted, Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Islām wants to gradually end all slavery. If we learn from the kindness which the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his Companion رضی اللہ عنہم showed to the slaves, we will be able to pave the way for a free society that is just and kind. African Ahmadīs should spread these teachings and bring their people to the fold of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم so that they may taste true and everlasting freedom.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The reason for the uprisings in many countries is that the rulers try to subjugate their people and usurp their rights. Ultimately people rise against them and take the law into their own hands; the whole system is thus turned upside down and no one is safe. If these governments had abided by the norms of justice and had provided freedom and justice to their people, things would not have come to such a crisis.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The so-called *ulama* of today have bound their people in the shackles of un-Islamic traditions and innovations, whereas the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم came to free us of all such burdens. Thus both the worldly and religious authorities have enslaved their subjects.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام was ordained to free us from all shackles. He taught us only to be the slaves of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, so that we may be lead to freedom, justice and equality and to the creation of a society where people do not have to resort to violence and

demonstrations; instead everyone, whether he be king or pauper, strives to give others their rights. Addressing the people in power, Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: If they continue to subjugate their people, do not give them their rights and do not abide by justice, they will come under Divine chastisement and will be answerable for the plight of their people.

Referring to the discrimination and persecution which Pakistani Ahmadīs are suffering on account of their love and fidelity to the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: We have preferred enslavement that comes from our loyalty to God and the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم to worldly freedom. May Allāh grant us strength and steadfastness in times of trial. *Āmīn.*

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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