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Dear Prime Minister

RE: RENAMING SO CALLED ISLAMIC STATE/ ISIL AS DAESH

We, the undersigned, ask that you consider making it the official policy of the Government to refer to the so called 'Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant' (ISIL) as 'Daesh', in line with many of our international partners.

The use of the titles: Islamic State, ISIL and ISIS gives legitimacy to a terrorist organisation that is not Islamic nor has it been recognised as a state and which a vast majority of Muslims around the World finds despicable and insulting to their peaceful religion.

Countries in the Middle East have adopted 'Daesh' which is an Arabic acronym for the group's name, and holds negative connotations, referring to "one who sows discord." This name has since been taken up by Turkey and France, who began in September officially using this title to describe them.

We believe that our leaders should call this evil organisation what it really is, rather than allowing it to be linked with religion and we hope that you will take up this matter and adopt Daesh as the official title for them.

Yours sincerely

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