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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MCC Condemns Deadly Attack in Mogadishu

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The Muslim Community Center (MCC) of Silver Spring, Maryland, one of the oldest Muslim faith-based organizations in the Washington, DC area, express its condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the truck bomb attacks in Mogadishu, Somalia on Saturday.

In the deadliest attack there in decades, at least 320 people were killed and more than 300 injured in two horrific bombings. Somali security officials say they have received information that the insurgent militant group al-Shabaab, which the country has been battling since 2007, is responsible for the attack, although they have not officially claimed responsibility. The group vowed to increase attacks earlier this year after both the Somali and U.S. governments increased counterterrorism efforts there, including drone strikes. After the attacks, local residents marched in the street protesting al-Shabab, even as rescue efforts continued.

On Sunday, Somali president Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed declared three days of national mourning. The Muslim Community Center stands alongside our Somali brothers and sisters in mourning this unimaginable, senseless loss of life. Those who spread terror, destruction and deadly violence in the name of Islam betray the very essence of our faith. Once again, we join the majority of Muslims worldwide in affirming our complete rejection and strong condemnation of all acts of terrorism wherever they occur. No loss of innocent human lives is permissible. We here at MCC will continue to pray and work for peace and justice, building bridges instead of walls, and standing together with our larger community, rather than being divided by fear.

MCC's mission is to promote brotherhood and human dignity among all by developing an environment of understanding, compassion, and justice in our personal and professional lives. We strive to serve the needs of the Muslim community and community at large in a manner that promotes its positive image and standing in a changing environment. We aim to represent the Muslim community in interfaith circles, in government, public and media relations, and in the society at large.

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