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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MCC Condemns Hostage Attack in Bamako, Mali

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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, strongly condemns the attack on the Radisson Blu Hotel in Bamako, Mali on November 20th, 2015, in which 170 innocent people were held hostage and at least 20 were killed, by a group attempting to influence the actions of Mali's government.

We join the world community and the American Muslim community in strongly condemning and denouncing these heinous acts, and state unequivocally that those who would destroy human lives to further their own goals are no more than criminals. Our deepest condolences, sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of those who have lost loved ones in this horrific attack, as well as with all who survived and witnessed these atrocities.

Once again, the MCC joins the majority of mainstream Muslims worldwide in affirming our complete rejection and strong condemnation of all acts of terrorism wherever they occur. We pray and work hard for peace and justice, and for the perpetrators of these attacks to be apprehended and brought to justice.

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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