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- Addressing racism, xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance

Coordination des Association et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience

The deportation of Ahmadiyya Muslims from Germany to Pakistan is a pressing issue that deserves our utmost attention. The Ahmadiyya community, known for their peaceful nature, face systematic persecution and denial of fundamental rights in Pakistan, where their faith is not recognized. Scholarly literature and international human rights reports have extensively documented the grave threats they face upon their return.

As we scrutinize this matter through the lens of international human rights law, it becomes clear that Germany's actions in deporting these individuals contravene its obligations under treaties such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention against Torture. The principle of non-refoulement, a cornerstone of refugee law, prohibits the return of individuals to places where their life or freedom is endangered.

Germany, a prominent European leader in human rights, has a moral and legal duty to uphold these principles and protect the Ahmadis. Failure to do so would undermine Germany's reputation and set a dangerous precedent. I urge the German delegation to heed the calls of the international academic community and immediately halt the deportations. Furthermore, I implore Germany to sign and ratify the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol, solidifying its commitment to the protection of vulnerable populations seeking refuge.

By embracing these measures, Germany can reclaim its position as a beacon of human rights and set an example for others to follow. As scholars and advocates, it is our shared responsibility to ensure the universal values of human dignity and justice are upheld for all.