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Dr Iqtidar KaramatCheema
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Dear Dr Cheema

Global Sikh Council (GSC) is grateful to you for giving congratulations and also requesting the Under Secretary of UNO for giving congratulations to the Sikh Community on the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi. This was a kind and generous statement as it is unusual for the UN to send messages on religious festivals. The message is of great importance as it accurately explains the teachings of our Sikh Gurus and their commitment to justice and equality; values now shared by the UNO.

As President of the GSC, I would also like to thank you for championing the case for the inclusion of three shabads (Sikh hymns) in the UNO Declaration of 18 Commitments on 'Faith for Rights'. This important inclusion was solely because of your kind initiative, as though the Sikh Religion is the fifth largest religion in the world, we do not have any nation to speak for us on such issues.

On a personal note, my husband Indarjit, Lord Singh of Wimbledon, who is a member of the House of Lords and the Director of Network of Sikh Organisations U.K, also extends his appreciation of your very successful efforts to support the Sikh community. We hope that we will soon be able to meet and thank you personally.

Warm regards

Lady Singh, Kanwaljit Kaur
President Global Sikh Council

Global Sikh Council (GSC) is a representative body of Sikh national organisations across the world. Currently there are 30 member countries. The main purpose of the GSC is to represent the voice of the Sikhs across the world.

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