



## **Statement regarding the attack in Algeciras (Spain)**

### **WITH THE VICTIMS, IN DEFENCE OF PEACE AND COEXISTENCE**

The **Pacto de Convivencia** platform, integrated by the civil society organisations and institutions that subscribe below, wishes to express our pain, affection and solidarity to the victims of the attack in Algeciras, to their families and parish communities, and to all citizens shocked by these events, which we absolutely and unreservedly **condemn**. We reaffirm our civic duty to coexistence and social cohesion, and our intention to continue working together to strengthen coexistence based on plurality and maximum mutual respect.

We join all those who reject and condemn these violent acts. We **repudiate** any instrumentalisation of religious beliefs that seeks to provide space for a fanatical intolerance that only brings pain and suffering, both within and outside our borders, and that increases the stigmatisation of migrant groups.

We also **urge** all citizens to actively commit to the dignity of all people, human rights and democratic values that strengthen tolerant, welcoming and inclusive societies. To this end, we call today specifically for the active prevention of violent radicalisation and, in particular, the protection of minors and young people from such radicalisation.

#### **Signatories in alphabetical order:**

Archbishopric of Madrid, Madrid Bar Association, Official College of Psychology of Madrid, Islamic Commission of Spain, Council of Victims of Hate and Discrimination Crimes, Coordinating Committee of Development Cooperation Organisations, Crue Spanish Universities, Diaconia Spain, Federation of Evangelical Religious Entities of Spain, Movement against Intolerance, Third Sector Platform.

#### **Pacto de Convivencia**

This is a platform made up of representatives of institutions and significant groups from civil society set up with the aim of reaching a consensus on strategies to strengthen the fight against violent extremism from an ethical and pre-partisan approach. The initiative is open to the incorporation of more entities.

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