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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Ali Abdussalam Treki,  
President of the 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly,  
on the threat to burn the holy Quran**

*Statement attributable to the spokesperson of the President of the General Assembly*

The President of the General Assembly, His Excellency Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, is profoundly concerned and alarmed by the call made by a clergyman in Florida, United States of America, to burn the holy Quran.

The President of the General Assembly condemns such calls, which can only provoke hatred and discrimination between religions and faiths and reinforces the clash between the civilizations and religions of the world.

The President of the General Assembly describes such calls as an expression of obsolete and reactionary thinking, which in turn threatens to bring humanity back to the age of Inquisition. Dr. Treki further underscores that such threats to insult sacred religious beliefs will lead to uncontrollable reactions and will increase the current state of tension in various parts of the world.

The President of the General Assembly emphasizes that religious coexistence and tolerance is one of the most important aspects of modern societies.