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The Islamic Society of North America – Canada

ISNA Canada's Response to Media Coverage of CRA's 2011 Audit

October 3, 2018

Dear community member,

As you are aware, a couple of weeks ago, the CRA had shared its final decision on the ISNA Canada audit it had conducted in 2011 for the period of 2007 to 2009.

ISNA Canada board had issued a statement on the CRA audit decision:

<http://www.isna.ca/3/1254/message-from-the-board--cra-audit-update>

In light of the recent misleading media coverage of the ISNA Canada 2011 audit, we would like to reiterate and clarify the following:

1. The audit was for activities that took place about 10 years ago.
2. ISNA Canada continues to operate as a charity registered with the CRA. The CRA has NOT revoked ISNA's charitable status.
3. The CRA has required ISNA Canada to pay a fine for the non-compliance during the 2007-2009 period. In addition, between September 12, 2018 and September 11, 2019, ISNA Canada will not be able to issue tax receipts to its donors.
4. The main reason for CRA's decision is the fact that ISNA has issued receipts on behalf of other organizations and used its donations for non-charitable purposes.
5. Unfortunately, the media focused on comments made by the CRA in regard to donations made to support relief work overseas and gave the impression that ISNA was supporting terrorism.
6. ISNA Canada abhors and rejects terrorism in all its forms, and categorically denies any terrorist links. We remain politically impartial and are not in linked to any political or extremist group.
7. CRA has acknowledged ISNA Canada's significant efforts to comply with its regulations over the last 5 years. ISNA Canada has spent the last decade rectifying these mistakes and reforming the organization to ensure a robust governance structure is in place so that mistakes are not repeated.
8. In recent months, ISNA Canada board and management have made progressive and important changes to ISNA Canada's governance and how we operate as one of the largest Muslim organizations in Canada.

For further clarification on ISNA Canada's current and future plans and activities, as well as concerns about the 2011 CRA audit decision, please contact us at isna@isnacanada.com.

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