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Complainant: Mohamed Elmasry, National President - Canadian Islamic Congress Respondents: Rogers Publishing Ltd.; Brian Segal; Kenneth Whyte; Mark Stevenson

I am a Canadian Muslim residing in Ontario. I am the National President of the Canadian Islamic Congress, the primary Islamic organization engaged in advocacy for Canadian Muslims. I declare that the following is true to the best of my knowledge. I have reasonable grounds for believing that the Respondents discriminated against me and th Canadian Muslim community, by publishing on the internet an article likely to expose us to contempt or hatred on th basis of our religious identity (as guaranteed under s. 13(1) of the CHRA) This article ["Article"] was published by Maclean's Magazine published on its website, on October 20, 2006 and was entitled "The Future Belongs to Islam". Authored by Mark Steyn, the Article continues to be published on Maclean's website (www.macleans.ca)

The Article is flagrantly anti-Muslim Adopting a fear mongering tone, the article focuses on the influx of Muslim immigrants into Europe and North America. It explicitly and implicitly states that this influx poses a threat to the fabric of Western society, to democracy, and to human rights due to the religious identity and beliefs of Muslims in general Another significant theme contained in the article is that there is allegedly an ongoing war between Muslims and Non-Muslims, that Muslims are part of a global conspiracy to take over Western societies and to impose oppressive Islamic Law on them, and that Muslims in the West need to be viewed through this lens as the enemy Specifically, the Article explicitly and implicitly asserts the following; text from the Article supporting the assertion is italicized and inserted below the assertion:

- 1. Muslims are imposing or attempting to impose Shariah law on all societies in which they live. In particular, Muslims living in the West desire to force all Westerners to live under an oppressive branch of Shariah law In addition, a "substantial number" of Muslims living in the West share the basic goals of terrorists; one of these objectives is the imposition of an oppressive branch of Shariah Law on Western societies Finally, a large number of Muslims will vote in European elections, resulting in the imposition of oppressive Shariah law on European
  - a) "Of Course not all Muslims support terrorists though enough of them share their basics objectives [they wish to live under Islamic law in Europe and North America]").
  - b) "In a few years, as millions of Muslim teenagers are entering their voting booths, some European countries will not be living formally under sharia, but -- as much as parts of Nigeria, they will have reached an accommodation with their radicalized Islamic compatriots"
- 2. There are a substantial number of Muslims in the West who are looking to commit terrorist acts. Further, Muslims looking to commit terrorist acts have a support network within mosques in general, that encourage them to commit such acts Finally, there is an interconnected, global network of mosques that are engaged in a violent struggle against Western society In fact, the presence of mosques conclusively indicates that a substantial number of Muslims are committed to perpetrating terrorist acts.
  - "Time for the obligatory "of courses": of course, not all Muslims are terrorists -- though enough are hot for jihad to provide an impressive support network of mosques from Vienna to Stockholm to Toronto to Seattle" -See also 1a) above
- 3. Muslims are multiplying too quickly in Europe and North America Further, they are radical, inspired by "Jihad", incapable of being loyal citizens of Western and European societies and are bent on conquering the world. As a result of their inability to be loyal citizens, Muslims living in the West are likely to join the global "jihad" being waged by Muslims against the West Muslims living in Western societies are "foreigners" Finally, a policy of multiculturalism is incapable of making Muslims living in the West loyal to their countries of citizenship Therefore, they join the "jihad" being waged by Muslims to take over the world including the West.
  - a) The question for today's Europe is whether the primary identity of their fastest growing demographic is Muslim or Belgian, Muslim or Dutch, Muslim or French - See also, surrounding text
  - b) The children and grandchildren of those fascists and republicans who waged a bitter civil war for the future of Spain now shrug when a bunch of foreigners blow up their capital ... Over on the other side of the equation, the modern multicultural state is too watery a concept to bind huge numbers of immigrants to the land of their nominal citizenship. So they look elsewhere and find the jihad. The Western Muslim's pan-Islamic identity is merely the first great cause in a world where globalized pathologies are taking the place of old-school nationalism  $\Delta \omega = \omega \omega$

- 4. Muslims are attempting to colonize the West in a manner similar to that in which the "white man" colonized "Indian territory", implying that Muslims could potentially do to Westerners what the "white man" did to the Aboriginal peoples
  - a) "... in the old days, the white man settled the Indian territory. Now the followers of the badland's radical imams settle the metropolis... Here's another difference: in the old days, the white man settled the Indian territory. Now the followers of the hadland's radical imams settle the metropolis
- 5. Muslims living in the West are waging a war and struggle against their host countries, which is analogous to the struggle being waged by the Palestinian and Chechen resistances against the Israelis and Russians
  - (a) Wherever one's sympathies lie on Islam's multiple battle fronts the fact is the jihad has held out a long time against very tough enemies. If you're not shy about taking on the Israelis and Russians, why wouldn't you fanc your chances against the Belgians and Spaniards?
- 6. The growing Muslim population in the West has resulted in and poses an increasing threat to National Security Ir. addition, as a result of multiculturalism and in general, Muslims have far too much freedom of movement in Western society Finally, The growing Muslim population in Western countries facilitates the propagation and movement of the Muslim "Jihad" against the West
  - (a) "But, at the very minimum, this fast-moving demographic transformation provides a huge comfort zone for the jihad to move around in " - See also, surrounding text
  - (b) The difference between the old Indian territory and the new is this: no one had to worry about the Sioux riding down Fifth Avenue. Today, with a few hundred bucks on his ATM card, the fellow from the badlands can be in the heart of the metropolis within hours
- 7. The terrorist attacks of 9/11 occurred due to the presence of Muslims in Western societies.
  - (a) "If you'd said that whether something does or does not cause offence to Muslims would be the early 21st century's principal political dynamic in Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and the United Kingdom, most folks would have thought you were crazy. Yet on that Tuesday morning the top of the iceberg bobbed up and toppled the Twin Towers"
- 8. Muslims have a collective agenda of taking over the world, including the West
  - (a) "...most tribes have no global ambitions. Islam, however, has serious global ambitions, and it forms the primal, core identity of most of its adherents -- in the Middle East, South Asia and elsewhere"
- 9. Muslims have already transformed Europe into "Eurabia".
  - (a) "...the larger forces at play in the developed world that have left Europe too enfeebled to resist its remorseless transformation into Eurabia and that call into question the future of much of the rest of the world"
- 10. Muslim populations possess "youth and will". These two factors combined with the Muslim agenda of taking over the world and Europe's allegedly aging and welfare-dependant society, means that Muslims will in fact take over the West.
  - (a) "Age + Welfare = Disaster for you; Youth + Will = Disaster for whoever gets in your way... Islam, however has serious global ambitions, and it forms the primal, core identity of most of its adherents ... Islam has youth and will, Europe has age and welfare"
- 11. Social democratic states are susceptible to being taken over by Muslims as a result of their social democratic policies which have removed Western societies' survival instinct (against the Muslims)
  - (a) ... Big government is a national security threat: it increases your vulnerability to threats like Islamism, and makes it less likely you'll be able to summon the will to rebuff it
- 12. The "unfortunate" element of a social democratic state is that the Muslim population does not decline over time (a) The difficulty, in a modern social democratic state, is managing which people to lose...
- 13. A bloody civil war could ensue in Europe as a result of the growing number of European Muslims Muslims will inevitably take over Europe; the only issue left to be determined is how "bloody" the transfer of power in Europe, "Bill the difference is that on the Continent the successor population is already in place and the only question to Muslims from non-Muslims, will be.

- 14. A war is already underway in Europe, being fought by non-Muslim Europeans against Europeans. Further, this was is the same as the war being waged against the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq. As a result European Muslims are the equivalent of Taliban and Iraqi insurgents
  - (a) ... the critical difference between the "war on terror" for Americans and Europeans: in the US, the war is something to be fought in the treacherous sands of the Sunni Triangle and the caves of the Hindu Kush; you set to faraway places and kill foreigners. But, in Europe, it's a civil war ... This time round, for much of western Europe it turned out the faraway country of which they knew little was their own
- 15. In a few years, European will be "semi-Islamified" meaning that parts of it will be living under Shariah law or wi have been taken over by Muslims
  - (a) ... wait a few years and see what kind of support you get from a semi-Islamified Europe.
- 16. The number of Muslims in Europe is expanding like "mosquitoes"
  - (a) ... Just look at the development within Europe, where the number of Muslims is expanding like mosquitoes
- 17. Belgium no longer belongs to the Belgians: it has already been taken over by Muslims Non-Muslim Belgian kids have no future in their country due to the presence of Muslims
  - (a) What future in "their" country do Mr. Demoor's two children have? ... In little more than a generation, a town has been transformed ... Of the ethnic Belgian population, some 17 per cent are under 18 years old. Of the country's Turkish and Moroccan population, 35 per cent are under 18 years old. The "youths" get ever more numerous, the non-youths get older.
- 18. The number of Belgian and European Muslims will continue to increase and they will soon turn Europe into a "Muslim continent".
  - (a) There are signs that Allah will grant Islam victory in Europe -- without swords, without guns, without conquests. The fifty million Muslims of Europe will turn it into a Muslim continent within a few decades.
- 19. As a result of their religious identity, Muslim youth living in the West are more likely to commit acts of violence as compared to other (non-Muslim) youth Most or all juvenile crime in Europe is perpetrated by Muslim youth
  - (a) You may vaguely remember seeing some flaming cars on the evening news toward the end of 2005. Something going on in France, apparently Something to do with -- what's the word? -- "youths." When I pointed out the media's strange reluctance to use the M-word vis-à-vis the rioting "youths," I received a ton of emails arguing there's no Islamist component, they're not the madrasa crowd, they may be Muslim but ...
  - (b) In June 2006, a 54-year-old Flemish train conductor ... got on the Number 23 bus in Antwerp to go to work. Six -- what's that word again? -- "youths" boarded the bus and commenced intimidating the other riders... Three "youths" were arrested, and proved to be -- quelle surprise! -- of Moroccan origin. ...

The Muslim community's efforts to resolve this matter were rebuffed by the Respondents. On Friday March 30, 2007 a delegation from the CIC met with the Respondents Mr. Whyte and Mr. Stevenson in Toronto. The delegation proposed that in order to avert the negative impact of the Article on Canadian Muslims, Maclean's should publish an article authored by a recognized member of the Muslim community, which responds to the inflammatory material contain in the Article Mr. Whyte indicated that the Respondents had no interest in publishing a response to the Article from the Muslim community. In particular, Mr. Whyte informed us that Maclean's would rather go bankrupt than allowing the publication of a response from the Muslim community Subsequently, the Respondent Mr. Segal, through written correspondence with the Canadian Islamic Congress (CIC), supported the position adopted by Mr. Whyte and Mr. Stevenson.

In terms of impact, reading the Article and seeing the messages portrayed as objective fact by Maclean's had a serious impact on me and on Canadian Muslims community large. This impact included harm to our sense of dignity and self-worth as Canadian Muslims. This impact was further amplified by the experience of the CIC's meetings with members of Maclean's editorial board and obtaining their patently unreasonable response.

I consent to the release of the CHRC of all information and documents concerning me that the Commission considers necessary for its investigation, such as personnel records, documents, data, or medical records which relate to the complaint. I also authorize the Commission to have such information examined by any person it retains to provide advice and assistance in dealing with my complaint.