STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS ENCAMPMENT MOVEMENT

The following is a statement of solidarity and support from the Boston Islamic Seminary Students.

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Students at university campuses nationwide are protesting and encamping against military support of Israel in light of what the ICJ has deemed is a 'plausible genocide' being carried out in Gaza. We unite our voices and actions in the call to demand that the universities divest from companies that enable, facilitate, or profit from Israel's genocide in Gaza and ongoing occupation. We also advocate for the release of students and faculty who have been arrested due to participation in these peaceful encampments. These students and faculty have a constitutional right to engage in peaceful protest against what the ICJ has deemed 'a plausible genocide' by Israel in Gaza.

Allah, Glory be to Him, the Exalted teaches us to promote good and reject evil. He also calls upon all of humanity to work individually and collectively to eradicate injustice. In the Quran, Allah says:

يَـٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ كُونُواْ قَوَّٰمِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَآءَ بِٱلْقِسْطِ

O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allāh, witnesses in justice

— Quran: Chapter 5 verse 8

Just as in the 1960s and 1970s, the United States is witnessing a powerful student movement. Members of American academia have been at the forefront of social movements throughout U.S. history. Their commitment to justice has brought about historic change. As Martin Luther King Jr said:

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

We renew our call on our American government to end its military support to Israel, and we extend our heartfelt support and gratitude to all those who stand in solidarity with Palestine, regardless of their religious or cultural backgrounds. Your unwavering support and advocacy for justice and human rights in Palestine are deeply appreciated. Together, we amplify the voices of the oppressed and strive for peace,

equality, and dignity for all. Thank you for showing Courage and Compassion, and Standing for Justice.

Thank you for standing with Palestine.

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