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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine Fatwa (Islamic Verdict)

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds and may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon His messenger Muhammad and upon all his family and companions.

Over the past weeks, the Australian Fatwa Council (AFC) has been actively researching and discussing the matter of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine with trusted and credible Muslim doctors and medical experts who specialise in medicine, vaccines and viruses.

Hence the Australian Fatwa Council (AFC) concluded the following:

First: Medication is a religious issue and concern, as mentioned by the Prophet Mohammad (Peace Be Upon Him) **“Make use of medical treatment, for Allah has not made a disease without appointing a remedy for it.” [Sunan Abi Dawud 3855]**

Second: The Australian Fatwa Council consulted with Muslim doctors and medical experts who specialise in the field of vaccines and viruses seeking clarity on the composition of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine and its effects. The following was the outcome; The Muslim doctors and medical experts scientifically confirmed that the vaccines (specifically: Pfizer and AstraZeneca) do not contain any prohibited substances or ingredients and that they have met the clinical standards of the TGA (at this stage Pfizer vaccine only. Astra Zeneca TGA application for approval is in progress and is also expected to be approved by the TGA quite soon), deeming them safe.

Based on what was conveyed by the trusted Muslim doctors and medical experts, the vaccine for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is permissible according to the Islamic law as there is no known religious harm attributed to being vaccinated nor does it contain any forbidden substances. The vaccine will be considered necessary if there is any possible risk of harm to other humans due to non-vaccination. There is a religious obligation to preserve human life that has been honoured by Allah the Almighty.

And Allah Knows better.

Attached is the document issued by the committee of doctors and experts specialising in the field of vaccines and viruses, which includes the most important questions (which were presented to the doctors and medical experts by the Australian Fatwa Council (AFC)) related to the Coronavirus vaccine.