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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 6 June 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitus Subūh Mosque, Frankfurt, Germany.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is great favour of Allāh upon us that He enabled us to accept the Imam of this age, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام elaborated on the issue of *Imāmat* and *Khilāfat* when he commented on the verse 18 of *Sūrah Al-Ghashiyah* of the Holy Qur’ān, which is as follows:

افلا ينظرون الى الابل كيف خلقت

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام explained that those who pledge allegiance to a Prophet or Imām are required to show complete submission to him. Illustrating upon the term ‘ابل’ in Holy Qur’ān, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that the camel have the nature to follow in the footsteps of the leader in the queue. They all walk at the same speed and in the same manner as the camel leading the queue does, which shows that the camel has been blessed by nature to perfectly follow in the footsteps of its leader. Similarly, man too has been taught to show perfect submission to the Imam he follows. Therefore, we need to be grateful to God and show utmost regard for the institution of Khilafat that has succeeded the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. We need to inculcate in ourselves the true spirit of submission towards this blessed institution and bear in mind the valuable words of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, when he said:

من اطاع اميرى فقد اطاعنى

That is, the one who shows submission to the Amīr I have appointed, shows submission to me.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Here, I would like to specifically address the office-bearers of the Jamā‘at that if they want to be of any assistance towards the progress of the Jamā‘at, they need to first understand the true spirit of submission to Khilāfat. The Amīrs, presidents of the local chapters and other office-bearers, all need to assess their own attitudes: whether they try to unconditionally act upon all the directives of the Khalīfatul-Masīh or look for excuses to delay the execution of the directives. One who only reluctantly obeys the directives of the Khalīfa, in fact does not obey them at all. The true submission is that which is shown immediately and without reservation. When the Khalīfatul-Masīh has given his decision regarding a matter, members of the Jamā‘at ought to right away put aside their own personal opinions.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that the true submission is to submit oneself to the Imam like a dead person is in the hands of those who give him a wash after his death. When we have achieved such a level of obedience to the Khalīfā, only then can we claim to be the true followers of the Khalīfā. Hence, every one of us who has pledged allegiance to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and his Khalīfas needs to make sure that he sets excellent example to be followed by his own children as well as by the coming generations of Ahmadiyyat at large. More than anybody else, it is the office-bearers of the Jamā‘at who need to show complete and unwavering obedience to the institution of Khilāfat.

Illustrating upon the difference between the rightly-guided Khilāfat and dictatorship, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The institution of Khilāfat is established in accordance with Divine promises after the Imām of the time has passed away. All those who pledge allegiance to Khilāfat, solemnly declare that they will continue to work for the perpetuation of this blessed institution.

Among the aims of Khilāfat one is to safeguard the sanctity of rights of men upon each other. Another obligation of the Khalīfā is to create in the members of the Jamā‘at such spirit of sacrifice as enables them to give preference to faith over all worldly objects. This would be the best guarantee for peace for us as well as for others. Another important obligation of the Khalīfā is to establish the Unity of God on earth. This is such a task which clearly distinguishes between the worldly governments and the rightly-guided Khilāfat. Indeed, there can be no comparison between the two, as one aims at obtaining spiritual excellence, whereas the other is focused upon worldly comforts and pleasures alone.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: One can show patience in the face of every hardship by establishing a true relationship with the rightly-guided Khilāfat. The true believers are like the camel, which steadfastly treads its path and keeps the required amount of water stored for future use. However, what a true believer needs to preserve for his needs on his spiritual journey is the water of *Taqwa*, the true piety and righteousness. This means that we need to perform such actions and deeds as are based on *Taqwa*. It was by virtue of accepting the Imam of this age that we were bestowed by God the water of *Taqwa*. To safeguard it now is our responsibility. Our aim is to establish God’s kingdom on earth and hoist the standard of His Unity in the whole world. Our mission is to win the hearts of all the people of the world for the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and thus unite mankind under his banner.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The office-bearers have no right to demand obedience from their subordinates unless they themselves first show complete submission and obedience to the Khalīfatul-Masīh.

Removing a misunderstanding regarding the Jamā‘at trying to conquer Germany, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The word ‘conquer’ does not connote use of force or any aspirations of worldly governance. We are spreading our message peacefully, and let alone Germany and Europe, we aim to triumph all over the world, but not with the use of force. In fact, it is a spiritual victory, and not a worldly one. Our only purpose is to inculcate in the hearts of the people the love of God no matter which part of the world they live in. This alone

is our purpose to obtain which we will continue to strive. However, it is only through showing perfect obedience to the institution of Khilāfat that we can achieve this blessed aim. May Allāh enable us all to achieve it. *Āmīn*

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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