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## **Media Statement**

### **The World Mourns Our Queen**

The Muslim Women's Network UK (MWN UK) are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second. She has worked tirelessly in service of this country, and as the constitutional monarch of the United Kingdom, Canada and 14 other Commonwealth realms, Queen Elizabeth II has been a beacon to many. Celebrating her Jubilee reign recently allowed us all to remember some of those contributions.

As a national charity promoting equality for all women and girls, we reflect on her speech from the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011, at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting opening ceremony in Perth, Australia, Her Majesty said:

*"The theme this year is, 'Women as Agents of Change'. It reminds us of the potential in our societies that is yet to be fully unlocked, and it encourages us to find ways to allow all girls and women to play their full part."*

Baroness Shaista Gohir OBE (CEO of MWN UK) said: *"Her Majesty's role as the longest serving female monarch during a time when patriarchy has been endemic is nothing less than iconic. She will be remembered in history, and reminds me of what is possible."*

MWN UK send our sincere condolences to The Royal Family and to all touched by her passing.

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### **Additional Information**

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