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Press Release of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue on the Meeting between the PCID and the al-Azhar Centre for Dialogue

On 3 July a meeting took place, at the Apostolic Nunciature in Egypt, between the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) and the al-Azhar Centre for Dialogue (ACD).

The ACD delegation was composed of Sheikh Professor Mohey al-Din Afifi Ahmed, secretary general of the al-Azhar Academy for Islamic Research and co-ordinator of dialogue at the ACD, and Dr. Kamal Boraïqa Abdelsalam, member of the same Centre.

The PCID delegation was composed of H.E. Msgr. Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, M.C.C.J., secretary of the PCID, Msgr. Khaled Akasheh, head official for Islam, and Fr. Jean Druel, O.P., director of the *Institut Dominicain des Etudes Orientales* in Cairo.

Following the previous Agreement of 28 May 1998 and in the light of the discourses of Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Ahmed Muhammad al-Tayyib, during the historic Peace Conference in Cairo last 28 April, the delegations expressed their joint commitment to pursuing shared reflections in order to promote fruitful and effective interreligious dialogue, focusing in particular on promoting peace and building a more just world.