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RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE ON ATTENDING AN EVENT THAT SUPPORTS TRANSGRESSION

Integrity of the family institution is among the fundamental principles of a successful society. According to the higher objectives of Islamic Law, the family unit serves to preserve the existence of humankind.

2 According to Imam Al-Shatibi, one of the ways to achieve preservation of human life is through the legitimacy of procreation. Any hindrance to the *maqasid* is thus considered as *mafsadah* or harmful.

3 As such, Islam places great emphasis on establishing the family unit through valid marriage between a man and a woman. Any form of extra-marital or same-sex relations is hence prohibited in Islam.

Religious Guidance on Attending an Event that Supports Transgression

4 Islam has clearly outlined the prohibition of attending any event that supports or approves transgression. In surah al-Maidah verse 2, Allah s.w.t. clearly prohibits Muslims from helping one another in sins and transgressions:

وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

Meaning: "But do not cooperate in sin and transgression."

5 This prohibition is in line with the following *Qa'idah Fiqhiyyah* or legal maxim of Islamic Jurisprudence:

مَا حَرَّمَ أَخْذُهُ حَرَّمَ إِعْطَاؤُهُ

Meaning: “Anything that is prohibited to be taken, is prohibited to be given.”

Explicating the above in his book *Syarh al-Qawa'id al-Fiqhiyyah*, Sheikh Ahmad Bin Muhammad Al-Zarqa explained that just as one is prohibited from committing anything that is *haram*, he is similarly prohibited from helping, promoting and supporting anything that is *haram*.

6 For that reason, Muslims should not attend any event which promotes and supports transgression. This includes attending any event which supports the movement or lifestyle of the Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Bisexual or LGBT. Attendance to such events is a form of tacit approval and support to the message of the event, such as permitting and normalizing same-sex relations.

7 Acceptance by approving of their act and sympathizing, while neglecting the responsibility to guide them to the true teachings of Islam, is also incorrect and against the guidance of the religion.

8 Muslims supporting the movement is akin to Muslims supporting other sinful acts, such as affirming that extra-marital relations are lawful.

9 Therefore Pergas would like to urge Muslims who are unclear on the religious position of this issue to refer to qualified *asatizah*.

Reaching Out to LGBT Individuals

10 Pergas also strongly urge the community to not ostracize any LGBT individuals.

11 Instead, we should demonstrate love and concern for our brothers and sisters who identify with the LGBT cause by reaching out and offering continuous moral guidance to them. We should also pray they return to the right path, in accordance with the teachings of the Messenger of Allah s.a.w. which means: “The religion is advice”. [Hadith narrated by Imam Muslim].

12 In conjunction with first night of Ramadan, Pergas advises the Muslim community to respect the holy month. They should refrain from attending any event that supports transgression and should welcome the arrival of Ramadan with benevolent acts such as performing the *tarawih* in congregation in the mosque, or with their family at home.

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