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## **VIVAT International condemns killing of George Floyd, opposes all forms of racial discrimination and violence**

On Monday, 25 May 2020 George Floyd was arrested and killed by police officers in Minneapolis.

Demonstrations have arisen and multiplied throughout the world to raise awareness of injustice and demand changes. The call to stand in solidarity with victims of violence and discrimination has clearly been heard. This wide reaction shows how extensive are the experiences of humiliation and unequal opportunities because of skin color or belonging to certain groups.

As VIVAT International (an NGO network of twelve Faith-based Organizations) we want to affirm the dignity of all humans, created in the image and likeness of God. We deeply believe that differences, the diversity of Creation, are enriching. We need to remember our common humanity, the sense of what the human family is all about. We recognize that systemic racism and discrimination are evils which must be opposed and condemned.

We engage together for life, dignity, and Human Rights everywhere and for all.

VIVAT International

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