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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Ali Abdussalam Treki,  
President of the 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly,  
on the desecration of a Muslim Cemetery in Jerusalem**

*Statement attributable to the spokesperson of the President of the General Assembly*

The President of the General Assembly, His Excellency Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, is profoundly concerned by the desecration of the ancient Muslim cemetery of Mamilla in Jerusalem.

The President of the General Assembly is alarmed by the intent of erecting secular projects on the site of this holy sanctuary, which is the burial place of venerated religious figures for more than fourteen centuries.

The President of the General Assembly believes that this would constitute a sacrilegious and provocative act against the spirit of peace as well as dialogue among civilizations and religions.