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Press Release

LAUNCH OF MUSLIMS ON EDUCATION PAPER

FAIR is pleased to announce the launch of the Muslims on Education Paper. The launch will be held by Baroness Uddin and Dr Sheikh Zaki Badawi at the House of Lords on Wednesday 9th June 2004.

The paper has been jointly produced by the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), the Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism (FAIR), the Education and Development Campaign FED 2000 and the Muslim College UK.

The aim of the paper is to highlight concerns of the Muslim community in the present education system and to push for Muslim educationalists to be given a central role in the consultation process where national and local policy is being determined.

The paper calls for a reform of the curriculum to accommodate Muslims' need and improve understanding of Islam and Islamic culture within the Education system.

We hope the document initiates dialogue between the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) with representatives from the Muslim community, to ensure that our present educational system caters for all.

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