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## CONCERNS OF THE GENDER ADVOCACY WORKING GROUP

The Gender Advocacy Working Group is concerned that a person whose integrity is in question has been appointed to a senior diplomatic post. We do not believe it is proper to appoint a person who is alleged to have sexually harassed a woman subordinate to him at work for a public office of such repute. Once again, it is a clear indication that people of high office and the public alike still do not give serious thought to ending violence against women.

Gender Advocacy Working Group is also very concerned with the recent ruling on Qari Hussain Thaufeeq. The ruling given to him for sexually abusing multiple children who he was teaching is too lenient and concerning. What concerns the group further is the suspension of the sentence for three years, on the grounds it was the Qari's first offence. The Gender Advocacy Working Group believes crimes such as these should not be tolerated and justice should be done to the victims of violence against women and children.