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Dear Sheikh Hussein,

May I send my best wishes to your Irish Council of Imams and the Islamic Community in Ireland as you celebrate Eid al-Fitr.

This day of happiness and rejoicing, will, of necessity, again be different to your usual celebrations, as Covid-19 public health restrictions continue to be necessary, and Ireland's Muslim community will be asked once again to mark the Breaking of the Fast in a manner that requires care, acceptance and thoughtfulness; values that have always been central to the practice of Ramadan.

May I also take the opportunity to thank our Islamic Community for the generous contribution they make to our lives together, on an ongoing basis, contributing to a more diverse, more inclusive and caring society.

I wish you all health and good fortune for the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Michael D. Higgins
Uachtarán na hÉireann
President of Ireland