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Statement by the National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS) on Minister K. Shanmugam's Speech at the Chesed-El Synagogue on 6 November, 2025

The National Council of Churches of Singapore is saddened to learn of the recent incidents that have caused the members of the Jewish community to feel singled out or unsafe. Antisemitism in any form has no place in our society and must not be tolerated.

We welcome and affirm the remarks by Mr K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Coordinating Minister for National Security, that every community in Singapore – regardless of size – has the right to feel safe and protected. Such assurances are vital for fostering trust and maintaining social harmony.

Singapore is blessed with a rich diversity of cultures and faiths, each contributing to the social, moral and cultural fabric of our nation. It is therefore essential that every person and every religious group be able to worship, live and gather without fear. We affirm the importance of upholding equal protection and respect for all.

We acknowledge that global conflicts and events can evoke strong reactions. However, as the Minister has reminded us, we must not allow overseas tensions to divide us here at home. Singapore's social cohesion is a shared inheritance, built over decades of trust.

The Christian community in Singapore has long worked alongside others to promote peace, cooperation and good neighbourliness. We encourage our churches to continue nurturing relationships of respect and understanding, acknowledging that such bonds are essential to the peace we enjoy.

May we remain committed to strengthening the bonds of goodwill that hold our nation together, and to building a society where all can live in safety and mutual respect.