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Aan: [REDACTED] C
Onderwerp: Request to assess website [REDACTED] on your terms of use

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to call your attention to the website [REDACTED] C You are currently hosting this website.

The website [REDACTED] C openly sympathizes with terrorist organizations like al-Qaeda and the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The site advertises itself as a news site for Muslims and claims to be a 'neutral' source. This could enhance the risk that relatively moderate Muslims will get sucked into a radical discourse. The opinion makers on the site do not hesitate to frame every governmental action as part of an 'anti-Muslim agenda'. Moreover, supporters of Islamic movements - other than the Salafi-jihadi movement- are dismissed as lacking credibility and hypocritical.

On the site, the violent struggle (jihad) is legitimized and promoted as a religious and individual obligation. Muslims are constantly reminded of the many blessings of jihad. Individuals that have travelled to jihadist battlegrounds are actively supported and casualties glorified as martyrs. This applies to Dutch jihadists in particular as well as to the martyrdom of jihad fighters in general. A recent example is the eulogy of [REDACTED] A The website has in the past published extensive writings and glorified the death of Dutch jihadists such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Especially their participation in the violent acts in Syria was praised. The martyrs themselves were portrayed as exemplary Dutch Muslims.

The site propagates a bipolar world, in which the infidel West ("Zionists and Crusaders") is depicted as an enemy of Islam and Muslims. The Dutch policy towards Muslim communities is depicted as an expression of anti-Islamic tendencies. In an article killed Al Qaeda leaders, including [REDACTED] A, are portrayed as "our heroes." It is very clear to me that in that article this website expresses support for the violent ideology of the terrorist group Al Qai'ida. With active references to radical preachers, other radical websites and their religious scriptures, the site conveys the message of violent jihadism.

The site does not hesitate to support, condone and glorify ISIL and its crimes. Muslims in the Netherlands are advised to give more credit to terrorist groups as Jahbat al Nusra (JaN) and ISIL because they are fighting for the establishment of an "Islamic state where you and I can live safely under the laws of Allah." In addition, in an article of April 23rd 2014, the website advises Dutch Muslims on how to position themselves in relation to the fighting between JaN and ISIL. The website advocates that Dutch Muslims should adopt struggle of these terrorist organizations in general and not choose for a specific group.

I find such expressions unacceptable and kindly request you to assess this website on your own terms of use.

Kind regards,

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