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I would like to send my warmest wishes to all those observing the holy month of Ramadan, a hugely significant time for Muslims here in the United Kingdom and around the world.

Ramadan is a time of sacrifice, devotion and renewed strength. It is also a time to celebrate the strong sense of community spirit which it fosters, as all are welcomed to their local mosques to share in the Iftar meal, and to renew friendships with neighbours.

The UK has been enriched by Muslims who continue to influence every sphere of society, from politics and education to science and business. Our country is enhanced by our diversity and I am always reminded at this special time that there is much more that unites us than divides us.

The recent terrorist atrocities in Christchurch and Colombo, carried out against innocent men, women and children as they went to church, mosque and about their daily lives, reminds us all that there are those who choose hatred instead of peace. I stand with people all over the world, of all faiths and none, in condemning such horrifying and sickening acts of violence, which have no place in any society.

This Ramadan, let us reflect on the universal values it represents: peace, reflection, devotion and charity.

So to Muslims here in the United Kingdom and across the world, Ramadan Kareem.

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