



27 November 2021

**To the Chairperson
Award Committee
Zayed Foundation for Human Fraternity**

Dear Chairman,

We are proudly submitting this letter in order to support the nomination of H.E. Professor Dr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity for 2022.

Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, as the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), was the main advocate on democracy including and enlightening people and policy-makers in mitigating the challenges related to protection of human rights in Muslim societies. He ardently supported the rights of the minorities and respect for human rights globally, which he passionately advocated both in his writings, statements, and initiatives.

Under the guidance of Prof. Ihsanoglu, Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission also brought renewed attention to economic, social, and cultural rights, and the right to development, as one of the key priority areas of the Commission, to ensure that pursuit of sustainable development is firmly grounded in human rights principles. Prof. Ihsanoglu transformed and guided the Muslim world to a new vision of the future and elevated the cause of Muslim minorities around the world.

As a valued member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center, he has played an active role at the events organized by the Center, such as VI, VII, VIII Global Baku Forum and other high-level meetings. We have worked long enough to speak with confidence how enthusiastic Dr. Ihsanoglu is on encouraging communities and promoting democracy, human rights, including special focus on women and children rights, helping broker peace and reconciliation, ensuring sustainable development while remaining positively engaged despite the many obstacles in his path.



Dr. Ihsanoglu has been always supportive, and advocate of different initiatives taken by Nizami Ganjavi International Center, including to raise international awareness on equal distribution of vaccines combatting Covid-19 especially in Africa, joining actively numbers of High-Level Meetings and statements, leading numbers of calls on ceasefire, peace, and security, on climate change and its impact on the life and on protection of cultural heritages.

In this regards, Dr. Ihsanoglu as being a notable figure recognized by international organizations, institutions and communities and through his continues support and active role that he played on international fora has always been a staunch contributor to the promotion of global fraternity, solidarity of the human family, justice and world peace.

Therefore, we, as being the Members of Nizami Ganjavi International Center, wholeheartedly commend Prof. Ihsanoglu for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity.

Sincerely,

Bujar Nijani
President of Albania 2012-2017

Shaukat Aziz
Prime Minister of Pakistan
2004-2007

Boris Tadic
President of Serbia 2004-2012

Petar Stoyanov
President of Bulgaria 1997-2002

Zlatko Lagumdžija
Prime Minister of Bosnia and
Herzegovina 2001-2002

Jan Fischer
Prime Minister of Czech Republic
2009-2010

Emil Constantinescu
President of Romania 1996-2000

Djoomart Otorbaev
Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan
2014-2015

Rovshan Muradov
Founding Secretary-General of
Nizami Ganjavi International Center