



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, March 6, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights met this day at 4:05 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Salma Ataullahjan, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Bernard, Cardozo and Duncan (4).

*Participating in the meeting:* Robert Mason and Brendan Naef, analysts, Library of Parliament; Amely Coulombe, Communications Officer, Communications Directorate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, the committee continued its study of such issues as may arise from time to time relating to human rights generally. (Topic: Islamophobia in Canada)

*WITNESSES:*

*Conseil de presse du Québec:*

Pierre-Paul Noreau, President *(by videoconference)*.

*As individuals:*

Rabia Khedr, Chief Executive Officer of DEEN Support Services and Board Member, Federation of Muslim Women *(by videoconference)*;

Karim Elabed, Imam of Mosquée de Lévis, Association des musulmanes et musulmans du Grand Lévis *(by videoconference)*;

Michael Taylor, Imam.

Rabia Khedr, Karim Elabed and Michael Taylor each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:37 p.m., the committee resumed.

Pierre-Paul Noreau made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:10 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Sébastien Payet

*Clerk of the Committee*