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Dear Lord Hall

RE: RENAMING SO CALLED ISLAMIC STATE/ ISIL AS DAESH

We, the undersigned, ask that you consider making it the BBC's official policy to refer to the so called "Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant" (ISIL) as "Daesh".

The use of the titles: Islamic State, ISIL and ISIS gives legitimacy to a terrorist organisation that is not Islamic nor has it been recognised as a state and which a vast majority of Muslims around the World finds despicable and insulting to their peaceful religion.

Many other countries, including France and Turkey, are using the term 'Daesh', which is an Arabic acronym for the group's name and refers to "one who sows discord". In September, the French Foreign Minister urged media outlets to use this title instead of Islamic State because "it blurs the lines between Islam, Muslims and Islamists."

The BBC has the opportunity to lead on this issue and call this organisation what it really is rather than allowing it to be linked with religion. We hope that you will take up this issue and adopt Daesh as the official title for them.

Yours sincerely

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