

Coalition Letter to the Trump Administration Supporting U.S. Sponsorship of the R20 Summit During the 2026 G20 Presidency

The Honorable Donald J. Trump

President of the United States

The White House

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Dear Mr. President,

From the Abraham Accords to your Executive Order integrating international religious freedom into U.S. diplomacy, you have been a stalwart defender of peace and international religious freedom. As religious leaders, religious liberty advocates, and national security supporters from across the United States, we write to encourage you to build on your legacy and direct your administration to officially recognize the Religion 20 Summit (R20) as part of America's presidency of the G20 in 2026.

The R20 Summit brings together religious leaders from the world's major faith traditions whose voices and insights are indispensable for policy making that serves human flourishing, dignity, and security. R20 is particularly dedicated to advancing international religious freedom and deradicalization—principles that are vital to America's long term national security interests and those of the world.

R20 Recognition would entail no government financial outlays, only incorporation of R20 into the calendar of G20 events in Washington DC next year, with an additional request for support in making R20 a permanent engagement group of the G20.

America's Leadership Opportunity

Officially recognizing the R20 Summit aligns with core American values while advancing practical diplomatic and national security objectives:

- **Strengthening International Partnerships:** Religious leaders often have significant influence in their respective countries and can serve as valuable allies in advancing American interests and values globally.
- **Addressing Persecution of Religious Minorities:** The R20 provides a platform to address the persecution of Christians, Jews, Muslims, and other religious minorities worldwide, a cause that resonates deeply with American values and constituencies.
- **Counter-Extremism Efforts:** Peaceful religious voices must be empowered to promote harmony and dialogue over violence, dehumanization, and coercion and are essential partners in identifying and countering violent jihadism and other forms of violent extremism at home and abroad.

Broad Coalition Support

Our support for the R20 Summit transcends denominational and ideological boundaries, uniting Americans of faith around our shared commitment to the fundamental right to religious freedom. The undersigned offer our support and cooperation in making the R20 Summit a success and our communities stand ready to participate actively in summit proceedings and preparations, mobilize our networks to ensure robust participation, provide expertise and resources to address the summit's key themes, and to spread the news to our constituencies and general audiences.

Conclusion

Mr. President, we respectfully urge you to direct the appropriate agencies under your command to recognize the R20 Summit as part of America's G20 presidency in 2026. The eyes of the world will be on you and America next year and we pray you seize this opportunity to further cement your legacy as a stalwart defender of religious liberty when America's security and spiritual well-being were under threat.

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