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Sikh Council UK secures a meeting for 26th September with Italian Government on Searching of the Dastaar at Airports

The Sikh Council UK's European & International affairs representatives have secured a meeting on 26th of September with the Italian Government after intense lobbying and working through the European Commission and others willing to assist.

The Sikh Council UK, working with a number of Sikh organisations has been invited by relevant Italian departments to a meeting in order to start the process for agreeing on a protocol on the searching of the Dastaar at Italian Airports along the lines already established as a precedence with the UK Government. The Sikh Council UK hopes this will be another important step towards a European-wide solution

The Sikh Council is seeking an immediate implementation of such an agreement and will work towards getting it enforced across Europe as Sikhs across Europe have been subjected to humiliating security checks since the new security directives have come into force.

The Sikh Council has been in open dialogue with the European Commission as well as the EU departments concerned with transport security over the last 4 months. Finally the hard work is showing positive results.

It is critical that the Sikh Panth focuses on the objective of securing a resolution to the pain and distress that our Panth has faced for too long and the Sikh Council UK would urge all Sikhs to work in harmony in securing our right to freely wear the Dastaar.

The Sikh Council will be issuing a statement after the meeting on the 26th and will keep the Panth informed of the progress made.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

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