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Theory of tolerance and non-discrimination and the ways of its practical realization.

Dear Mr. Moderator, your Excellencies, dear colleagues,

I would like to underline importance of Kazakhstan chairmanship in OSCE in integration of Central Asian cultural values into globalizing world.

In a way, the theory of tolerance and non-discrimination as a part of human studies has been created in Central Asia at the eve of the last millennium. But its implementation and actualization regionally and globally has been contradicting by the modern philosophy of 'divide and rule' as a main tool of state building. Although the inner intellectual intercultural movement, expressed in its sciences and arts, was contradicting to that philosophy, it was not fully recognized by international scholarly community. Now, when the globalizing world needs that 'soft power' more, then in any other times of the world history, that regional theory in its inner development has to be recognized as an integral part of the world peace and development movement.

Now, when the countries of CA are independent and released from the rams of totalitarian regimes in their national, regional and interregional expressions, the academic works and researches, made during the last four-five decades by the local researchers, have to be realized globally. That realization is important, because they gave another dimension to the world art in its global significance.

Modern literature, music, theatre and cinema of diversity of cultures have had an enormous impact on forming and reforming of national identities of the region. To realize their common and mutual features, opening them for the 'other' cultures of the world could help for solution of a number of problems of ethnic, national, regional and interregional characters.

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