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Set My People Free Intervention

Working Session 10: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including address by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities.

Tolerance

Tolerance is the ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with and is guided by the Golden rule:

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*.

True Tolerance is limited by the rule of the law which is based on freedom, justice and equality.

Tolerance does not justify violence.

Tolerance does not justify people taking the law into their own hands.

Tolerance should not tolerate ideologies which criminalise freedom of speech and thought, such as the Apostasy and Blasphemy laws in Islam.

Like the murder of Charlie Hebdo journalists last year or Nahad Hattar who was murdered yesterday in Jordan as he came out of the court. We should not tolerate such incidents in the OSCE states. These laws are choking freedom worldwide.

We cannot tolerate FGM

We cannot tolerate child marriage

We cannot tolerate women oppression and apartheid.

Tolerance without critical and analytic thinking is censorship and leads to suppression.

Tolerance without truth and common sense leads to relativism and an end to the rule of law.

*A command based on words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount : “All things whatsoever ye would that men should **do to you**, **do** ye even so to **them**.” The Mosaic law contains a parallel commandment: “Whatever is hurtful to **you**, **do not do** to any **other** person.”