

SET MY PEOPLE FREE INTERVENTION Working Session 7 Tolerance and non-discrimination I

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 Theo Van Gogh in the Netherland, Charlie Hebdo journalists in Paris and the murder of a German Afghani convert to christianity last may.

Since 2015, there has been an increase in the number of reports about Christians among refugees who have been verbally or physically attacked. We should not tolerate such incidents in the OSCE states.

Sending back asylum seekers who have left Islam back to their home countries to face torture, imprisonment or capital punishment is inhuman.

We can not tolerate Islamic apostasy and blasphemy laws.

We cannot tolerate FGM

We cannot tolerate child marriage

We cannot tolerate women oppression and segregation of gender which is a form of 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."

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