

# Citizens' Movement Pax Europa (BPE)

Human Rights Organization for Freedom and  
Democracy Against Islamization



## **SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF**

**9-10 July 2009 Hofburg, Vienna**

The "CITIZENS' MOVEMENT PAX EUROPA" (BPE) is an independent, non-partisan movement and considers itself a European Civil Rights Movement and a Human Rights Organization. Our objectives are to protect not only the democratic, free and secular rule of law in our country but also to struggle for European culture based on the Judeo-Christian traditions and – especially – on the values of the Enlightenment. The association clearly distances itself from all right-wing or left-wing extremists and all xenophobic movements.

BPE appreciates and supports all efforts made by OSCE/ODIHR and their members and NGO's in past and present to protect individuals in their human rights "to profess and practice, alone and in community with others, religion or belief in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience."

Freedom of worship according to European standards is restricted to the RITES of religion while refraining from any attempt to implement religious rules into the secular state. All religious organizations and communities are obliged to recognize the 1948 UN- Human Rights Declaration and to guarantee the right of individuals to change their religion or leave their faith or to become a non-believer.

Equal rights for women and children are often not practiced in religious communities. Forced marriages and social discrimination of "unbelievers" within certain religious-cultural communities are common.

**Therefore:**

- **We recommend that no religious laws of any sort be implemented into any national legislation.**

- **We recommend that since criticism of religion is part of free speech, any effort to ban free speech in name of religious interests on the pretext of „Islamophobia“ or racism must be prevented.**
- **We recommend that religious building projects not be enforced against the residents' appeals.**
- **We recommend that national governments take immediate measures to protect all threatened individuals leaving a religious group.**
- **We recommend that no religious organisation benefit from public funds if it does not respect entirely the “Universal Declaration of Human Rights“ (UN 1948).**

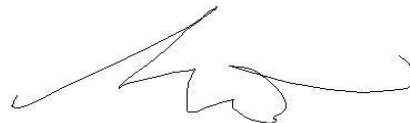
We therefore urge all representatives of this meeting to stand up for these proposed measures, to protect freedom of religion in order to leave behind to our children and grandchildren a world in peace.

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