



5280 Coalition

OSCE 2015 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Working Session 14: Tolerance and non-Discrimination

Mr./Mme. Moderator, Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you.

Mr/Ms. Moderator:

“Tolerance” is defined as the “willingness to accept feelings, habits or beliefs that are different from your own”¹.

Yet what do we see ?:

- The 2006 the world-wide Danish Cartoon riots that killed dozens and caused wide spread damage
- Vitriol and threats over the remarks of Pope Benedict XVI mentioning some historical facts at a conference in Regensburg.
- In Paris, the notorious Charlie Hebdo attack that killed a dozen Journalists .

These violent events seem to show marked **intolerance** and an appalling unwillingness to “accept beliefs that are different from their own”.

Mr/Mme. Moderator:

The ACT for America 5280 Coalition recommends that any complaints by self-defined Islamic entities concerning “intolerance” be ignored until such a time that these same entities show some of the tolerance to others that they are demanding from the West.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen

¹ Merriam Webster Dictionary