

Dear participants! Republic of Tajikistan adheres to all international and regional initiatives on combating hate crimes. In accordance with the article 189 of the Criminal Code of Tajikistan “Actions aimed at inciting national, racial, local or religious hatred, humiliation of national dignity, as well as propaganda of exclusivity of citizens on the basis of their attitude to religion, national, racial or local affiliation, if these actions committed publicly or using the media...” considered as a crime.

Turning to the recommendations, we deeply regret that the OSCE provides a platform for organizations which ideologies are based on the principles of religious intolerance and propaganda of violence.

Here, I would like to refer to the book “Beyond Politics” by the founder and spiritual father of the Islamic Renaissance Party banned in Tajikistan Sayyid Abdullo Nuri in which he openly promotes violence and calls for the killing of Tajik citizens, even if he/she considers himself/herself as a Muslim, but does not share their political views. On p. 190 the author calls Tajikistan as a "territory of the infidels" (dar al-kufr ) and "territory of war" (dar al-harb ) using terminology and the rhetoric of the jihadists, similar to the ISIS. On page 198, the author says: “Those who today live on the territory of the enemy, even if he considers himself a Muslim, but does not join us, are infidel, and they should be treated as infidels, their property is allowed to be appropriated, their blood to be shed, and their marriages are considered invalid”.

During its activity in the country he Party had officially published literature and other materials, encouraging religious intolerance and hatred towards its opponents. Today, the followers of this ideology, hiding from justice in some EU countries and re-registering themselves under other names and titles, continue to propagate the ideology of hatred using a hate speech, which can be observed on their pages on the Internet and social networks.

Proceeding from this, we urge the OSCE and its participating states, as well as all other interested parties, to pay attention to these facts and prevent the registration and participation of representatives of such groups in the official events.