

The Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)



Item 9: General Debate

Islamophobia in Europe

Mr. President,

Following the 9/11 attacks, we have witnessed a large number of terror attacks against Muslims in Europe, America and the Middle East. The Koran, the prophet of Islam and other Islamic holies are insulted by governments, political figures and the media, which influence public opinion and cause the enticement of violent behaviour against Muslims.

Numerous attacks have been recorded against Muslims, and mosques in countries including Germany,¹ Netherlands, Norway and France. In Germany, there has been approximately 1000 attacks against Muslims, and mosques in 2017. In Norway 27.8 per cent of the people said dislike Muslims. In Netherlands, there were reports of 364 incidents of discrimination against Muslims in 2016. And in France which has the largest Muslim population among European countries 576 Islamophobic attacks took place in in 2016.²

Mr. President,

ODVV calls on the Human Rights Council to adopt a resolution to setup a monitoring mechanism such as an independent expert to assess the current Islamophobia situation, existing challenges and also the best ways to combat the growing Islamophobic trend.

We call on the Council to request the Special Rapporteur on Racism to submit a report to the Council on Islamophobic and hate speech of world politicians.

We call on all UN member states to condemn all ethnic violence and regional conflicts that take place in the name of religion and to resolutely stop supporting these extremist groups.

¹ .<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/almost-1000-attacks-muslims-reported-germany-2017-report-761148992>

² According to Coordination against Racism and Islamophobia.