

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)

Item 4: General Debate



Racism and Insulting Muslims

Mr. President

I would like to draw the Council's attention to the following points:

1) We note the adoption of a resolution titled " Combating religious hatred that incites discrimination, hostility, or violence", the objection of human rights activists to any insult against the Quran and the high commissioner's condemnation of any provocative act against Muslims and followers of other religions. However, in Europe, especially Sweden and Denmark, insulting religions any continue under the pretext of freedom of expression. We believe that spreading insults against religions will lead to extremism and the gaining of power of extremist groups with little respect for human rights, endangering Europe more than other regions. We call on the countries to establish a mechanism to encourage dialogue among religions.

2) England's treatment of immigrants and Muslims, France's treatment of racial minorities and Muslims, the unsettled situation of racial minorities, especially the black people in the United States, the deep discrimination against Muslims, indigenous people and racial minorities in Canada, all are regrettable. The mentioned countries exercise religious discrimination against minorities. We call on the countries in Europe and America to increase efforts to promote religious freedoms.