

Set My People Free Recommendations for working Session 11
Rights of Persons Belonging to National Minorities
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Obligations of the state and the obligations of the citizen for integration and harmony:

Obligation of the citizen

Allegiances to the state

Allegiances, loyalty or commitment to a superior or to a group or cause: those wishing to receive citizenship must swear allegiance to the republic.

If their allegiance is to their State of origin or their community (or tribe) rather than their state of citizenship, they will become like a fifth column and will cause conflict. Loyalty does not mean uniformity but commitment to your new country.

For example;

A Greek citizen from Turkish origin; His allegiances should be to Greece. A Turkish citizen from a Greek origin; his allegiances should be to Turkey. Or a Baltic State citizen from Russian origin; his allegiances should be to the Baltic State. The same for me: As a Swede from a Sudanese origin living in Sweden my allegiance should be to Sweden.

Commitment and Loyalty to:

The country I am a citizen of and live in.

The constitution of the country should be based on:

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Democratic values.

Which basically means:

Freedom of speech,

Freedom of thought, conscience and religion

Separation of State and Religion

Gender equality

A number of immigrant or refugees are like me. We came to Europe because of lack of these values in our homelands. And we need to learn and appreciate these values (not only for ourselves but also for others).

Obligation of the state

Help minorities to learn and integrate these values of Democracy.

Make sure these values are provided to the Minorities:

Equality and no discrimination

Full citizenship

Justice

Democracy

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Democratic values.

Which basically:

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You are the ones who are going to make the difference to your country. The generations before you worked very hard to get Europe to this stage.

And I call on you to work hard to protect these principles and values, which are based on the Golden Rule “In everything treat people the same way you want them to treat you”.

We have a variety of political systems from North Korea to Switzerland. How do you want have your country develop? Similar to Switzerland or to North Korea?