



Thinkout

THINKOUT Recommendations

13 September 2018

Thank you, Mme. Moderator, I am Furkan Senel from Thinkout Belgium.

Recognition, enforcement and cooperation in respect of responsibility and measures for the protection of religion, women, people with disability and LGBTQI-rights are of such a great value.

It is very important for governments to be well-equipped to overcome the current problems of every type of extremism. We can't give permission to marginal groups to disturb our social stability.

We strongly believe that freedom of speech is a condition for a successful democracy, whereas tolerance is essential for the survival of democracy. Unfortunately, this tolerance may not undermine our social harmony and social stability who are in relation with peaceful coexistence.

Like always, we are hopeful for positive developments in this area.

But we can deviate in two points from respect to 'freedom of thought' and 'freedom of conscience'.

- 1) If it is inciting hatred and violence
- 2) When it is sympathizing for terror groups

Thinkout had warned for these dangerous thoughts two years ago at HDIM 2016 in the same session. After that we've seen that Germany has followed our recommendation and has stiffened their law against meetings of terror sympathizers.

Thinkout's last message therefore is, and this is also a recommendation... We need to form a civil front to cooperate with all stakeholders to create a positive sphere in the OSCE region. And the OSCE member states have to follow the footsteps of Germany in fighting against dangerous thoughts such as terrorism.

Thank you for listening to me.

Thinkout
Palinghuizen 76
9000 Gent
T. [+32 9.258.21.67](tel:+3292582167)
F. [+32 9.258.21.68](tel:+3292582168)
info@thinkout.be- www.thinkout.be