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**Human Rights Department
Church of Scientology International**

Thank you distinguished guest.

I am honored to be speaking at such an important conference.

In our 40 years of work in human rights we have had the privilege of working with many governments and NGOs.

I am from the Human Rights Department of the Church of Scientology International.

Though we have participated in numerous human rights activities we have always come back to the need for human rights education as an important pillar on which all else is built.

But also there is another element that is sometimes ignored or not pushed hard enough either by governments or NGOs, and that is the responsibility of religions in this matter.

Without a basic appreciation for the dignity of mankind no other human rights will come to fruition and down through the millennia it has been man's religions that have established that, whether it be the 10 commandments, the 9 fold path or any other moral value religions have laid out.

So I simply ask that you, with due respect for separation of Church and State, ensure religions are included in strategies and plans, if they are not already, that you take to educate others in human rights and ensure they hold up their responsibility they share with you to promote human rights education.

Thank you very much.