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The Annotated agenda states “Enabling freedom of movement is a precondition for exercising many other fundamental rights.”¹ These other rights can include freedom of association, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

Therefore, we find it unconscionable that speakers and political candidates are prohibited travel to the UK and to speak at events². These events and speakers may be unpopular in various quarters but they are NOT dangerous. Muslim groups and others put pressure on the government, which caved in. This cowardly action violated the rights of the individuals involved and the groups that invited them, and set an ominous precedence for the future of freedom in the UK.

The ACT 5280 Coalition recommends that the OSCE region consider the chilling effect on freedom of such actions and urge member states to live up to their OSCE commitments to uphold human rights for all.

¹ Annotated Agenda OSCE 2016 p. 27

² <http://pamelageller.com/category/banned-in-britain/>