



INTERVENTION BY THE CENTER FOR SECURITY POLICY

OSCE Human Rights Dimension Implementation Meeting

Working Session 1 Tolerance and Non-Discrimination

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Thank you Mister Moderator,

This intervention concerns the Annotated Agenda that makes generous use of the term “aggressive nationalism”.

CSP would like a clarification of the term “aggressive nationalism.” Is there such a thing as “non-aggressive nationalism”? Is any assertion of national identity per se aggressive?

In addition, words such as “racism”, “xenophobia”, “intolerance”, and “discrimination” are biased terms that are not adequately defined. CSP is of the opinion that their purpose is to shut down debate by stigmatizing, marginalizing, and intimidating people who hold certain opinions. These words should be avoided unless they can be defined in such a manner that enjoys the consensus of all participants regardless of their political, social and cultural views.

Recommendation to ODIHR and Participating States to refrain from using these terms until they are precisely and officially defined and accepted by the consensus of all participating groups holding diverse views.