



Minneapolis Chapter

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Professor Senay, one of this session's introducers, mentioned the recently passed Canadian motion called M-103. This motion is intended to pave the way for consideration of legislation in the Canadian parliament that would curtail and even criminalize free speech in Canada that is critical of Islam, even if accurate and truthful.

The Canadian Constitution includes in its Charter of Rights and Freedoms the explicit right to freedom of speech and expression.

Champions of free speech in Canada are deeply concerned that this motion will lay the foundation for eventual legislation in the Canadian parliament that like its counterparts in European countries would not just limit free speech about Islam but would actually criminalize it.

Examples already before us of bloggers, writers, and journalists in formerly free countries west of Vienna winding up in court and jail for exercising what used to be right to free speech is not one that any lover of liberal Western democracy wishes to see repeated in Canada.

ACT for America – Minneapolis recommends that ODIHR and participating states consider carefully the ramifications of criminalizing any free speech; and

Urges the Canadian people and its representatives in parliament to hold fast to the principles enshrined in its Constitution and reject all efforts to silence the free speech of a free people.

Thank you!

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