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Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including ensuring equal opportunity for women and men in all spheres in life, including through implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality

English translation

The defense of equal rights Man-Woman is one of the major areas of work of the International Civil Liberties Alliance.

It is here that we would like to warn European countries and America of the existence of the following document, which constitutes a serious threat to women's rights. This document is called "Cultural Islamic Action Strategy Outside of the Muslim World"; it was designed and published by ISESCO and officially adopted by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation at the 9th Islamic Summit in Doha in 2000. Therefore, it has to be pointed out that its content has been implemented in our countries for the past 16 years.

To briefly summarize this document of 109 pages (and you will find a download link in the full text of this intervention), it establishes a common action strategy for all Muslim associations present in the West to create Islamic beachheads, separate through their civilization, that refuse the Western values of our countries.

These Islamic beachheads related to the Islamic nation (Ummah), which might be called colonies, given the content of the text, aim to operate under the rules of Sharia in our territories and, I quote, "vaccinate" the children of Muslim communities against, I quote, "cultural invasion" they undergo when exposed to Western values through education and the media.

This strategy also states that the implementation of this program will be conducted by, I quote, "the Islamic cultural centers, mosques and Islamic schools," and will happen through parallel educational experiences and courses of Arabic offered in these institutions.

Knowing the discriminatory content of the rules of Sharia vis-à-vis the rights of women, success in defending the rights of young Muslim women in our countries seems totally unrealistic, as long as such an action program is implemented within the OSCE region and continues to have the active support of OIC member countries.

Recommendation:

The International Civil Liberties Alliance recommends that participating countries, the targets of this strategy, issue a protest with the OIC, consider closing the representations of ISESCO, and establish commissions of inquiry aimed at identifying institutions applying this strategy in their respective territories, in order to stop activities that directly undermine the rights and freedoms of their citizens.

The Strategy for Cultural Action outside the Islamic World