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As other speakers have pointed out, we face a persistent problem in these Human Dimension sessions with terms that are pejorative, yet remain undefined. The issue would not be significant except for the fact that undefined words are sometimes used to make national policy or craft legislation.

One such word is "discrimination". The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* includes this among its definitions of "discrimination": "The act, practice, or an instance of discriminating categorically rather than individually." ThisW is clearly the process referred to in phrases such as "racial discrimination" and "religious discrimination".

However, there are other instances of discrimination that are considered acceptable. Take, for example, the sign on a door in a retail business that reads: "Employees Only". The sign clearly discriminates against non-employees, yet it is entirely unobjectionable. No one would consider filing an anti-discrimination lawsuit on the basis of it.

What, then, are the criteria for "good" discrimination and "bad" discrimination?

Discrimination against gays is considered unacceptable, yet discrimination against members of the Identitaire movement is considered acceptable, or even *mandatory*.

As long as there is no clear, unambiguous official standard for separating unacceptable discrimination from acceptable discrimination, Americans for America recommends that the word "discrimination" be omitted from official OSCE documents.

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