

**Forum:** General Assembly's Third Committee

**Question of:** The Prevention of Discriminatory Practices towards Religions

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- 1 The General Assembly 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee,  
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3 *Acknowledging* the UN Charter of 1945 which declares the freedom of belief and religion as a  
4 key human right,  
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6 *Bearing in mind* the 1981 and 1993 resolutions that ask all member states to condemn acts of  
7 religious discrimination,  
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9 *Restating* the powerful words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: “Everyone has the  
10 right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his  
11 religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private,  
12 to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance”,  
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14 *Further reminding* member states of the binding resolution passed by The European Convention  
15 on Human Rights,  
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17 *Noting that* religion should never be an excuse for violence or acts that are illegal in a country,  
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19 1. **Suggests** that member states  
20 a. financially support developing countries to give them the opportunity to act against  
21 crimes and violence based on religions,  
22 b. grant access in all matters to and cooperate with non-governmental organizations that  
23 enlighten the global public about crimes and violence against people that are based on  
24 religion;  
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26 2. **Further supports** the UN Special Rapporteur on work regarding freedom of religion and  
27 belief asking him to  
28 a. Publish a report which lists all offenses that violate freedom of religion,  
29 b. Reveal any governmental acts of this sort;  
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31 3. **Proposes** the condemnation of all laws and statutes which restrict the freedom of religion and

32 belief in every member state;  
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34 4. **Proclaims** the independence and sanctity of minority religious groups in every member state  
35 and request that all member states of the United Nations:  
36 a. Guarantee the sanctity,  
37 b. Ensure that religious minorities have equal opportunities to influence legislation;  
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39 5. **Condemns** all hate crimes and assaults of religious minorities, and strongly recommend that  
40 all member states of the UN outlaw such injustices;  
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42 6. **Calls upon** all member states of the UN to create public organizations that will:  
43 a. Arrange cooperative dialogues between religious groups and leaders in this state, and  
44 sometimes assist in planning and funding religious celebrations and events,  
45 b. Reexamine the legislation in this state and work to prevent discriminatory laws,  
46 c. Create an ethical education curriculum for public schools that teaches children from a  
47 young age about tolerance and beliefs;  
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49 7. **Requests** the composition of a special commission entitled United Nations Commission on the  
50 Elimination of Religious Discrimination (UNCERD) that focuses on ensuring that  
51 individuals are not denied basic needs, such as education and healthcare, due to their  
52 religions or beliefs;  
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54 8. **Encourages** all member states of the UN to take legal action against groups that use  
55 violence in the name of religion or belief;  
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57 9. **Encourages** member states to freely choose whether they want a separation of the religion and  
58 the state or not and give the UN Special Rapporteur the authority to examine of any  
59 discrimination taking place on religious grounds;  
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61 10. **Calls** for stronger cooperation, in matters of religion, with:  
62 a. the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,  
63 b. the United Nations Development Fund for Women,  
64 c. the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief;  
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66 **Suggests** that all member states of the UN outlaw forcing or coercing individuals into a belief or  
67 religion.