

Session: Addressing restrictions on religion: law matters

The aim of the session is to come up with two recommendations on the topic of “freedom of religion” for the UNAOC within the scope of small group discussions.

Two broader and diverse subjects attracted special attention of the group: the first topic concerning the issue of how to effectively address restrictions of religion and how to guarantee the protection of human rights as well as the freedom of religion, religious practice, faith and spirituality; the second topic dealing with the role of education at an early stage to promote respect and to prevent conflicts caused by intolerance and ignorance towards religions, faiths, spiritualities and beliefs.

Recommendation 1:

We recommend the UNAOC to enforce the incorporation of ethical, religious and spiritual education, both formal and informal, from early childhood level.

Recommendation 2:

We recommend the UNAOC to ensure the rights of freedom of conscience, thoughts, religions, religious practice, faith, spirituality and its protection on a state and public level.