



**Intervention at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)  
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**Working Session 11: Fundamental Freedoms, Including Freedom of Expression  
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**Free Speech Under Fire, Part 2**

This afternoon, I would like to continue the theme I began with my intervention this morning: to wit, that the human right to freedom of belief and conscience intrinsically carries with it the right to free speech. Whenever a government, set of laws with international authority like shariah, or even the oppressive weight of misguided societal convention, seeks pre-emptively to prevent the individual or collective expression of belief, fact, or opinion – that is not incitement to immediate violence - then, that is tyranny and it is liberty-crushing.

We, at the Center for Security Policy, in principled harmony with all others who are like-minded about the liberty bequeathed to us Americans by our Founding Fathers, would like to express our appreciation to the OSCE Delegation from the United States of America for your firm support of freedom of speech and expression that ought to be universal, but isn't.

Specifically, we stand with the US OSCE Delegation in asserting the fundamentally misguided intent and effect of the Speech Code of Conduct that was attempted to be imposed on us all by the OSCE ODIHR HDIM 2018 organizers. For when a free people, of its own free will, capitulates to the dark forces of human subjugation, in an abject effort to appease those who would shut down all criticism or even discussion of a tyrannical system of domination, then that people will have betrayed its human right to live free. We are here to stand against any and all such domination and tyranny and to stand with all those conquered peoples and minorities, as well as those still fighting to stay free of subjugation.

The Center for Security Policy once again urges the OSCE ODIHR and this HDIM 2018 conference to stay true to your and our own principles as articulated from Helsinki, through Paris, Istanbul and Astana. We must hold fast together against the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)'s rejection of the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights and in defense of individual liberty, equality before man-made law, government by consent of the governed, and the right to speak freely, whether or not such speech might be perceived as "offensive" by some.

Thank you.

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