COUNTRY REPORT FORMAT

The 1981 U.N. Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief

INTRODUCTION

ARTICLE 1

1.1 Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

1.2 No one shall be subject to coercion that would impair their freedom of choice.

1.3 Limitations to manifest one's religion or belief based on the following.

1.3.1 Law
1.3.2 Public Safety
1.3.3 Order
1.3.4 Health
1.3.5 Morals
1.3.6 Fundamental Freedoms

ARTICLE 2

2.1 No one shall be subject to discrimination by the following.

2.1.1 States
2.1.2 Institutions
2.1.3 Groups
2.1.4 Persons

2.2 Definition of "intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief."

ARTICLE 3

3.1 Violations under other Covenants, Conventions and Declarations

3.1.1 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
3.1.2 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
3.1.3 Other Human Rights Instruments

ARTICLE 4

4.1 Effective measures to prevent discrimination based on religion or belief.

4.1.1 Civil
4.1.2 Economic
4.1.3 Political  
4.1.4 Social  
4.1.5 Cultural

4.2 Efforts to enact or rescind legislation to combat intolerance.

4.2.1 Enactment  
4.2.2 Recindment

ARTICLE 5

5.1 Parents or legal guardians rights in bringing up child in family religion or belief.

5.2 Child’s right to education, including wishes of the parents or legal guardians.

5.3 Protection from discrimination, teaching tolerance for the right to other beliefs.

5.4 Due account of child’s wishes if not under care of parents or legal guardian.

5.5 Practices must not be injurious to the child, based on Art 1.3 limitations.

ARTICLE 6

6.1 To worship or assemble, establish and maintain places of worship.

6.2 To establish and maintain appropriate charitable or humanitarian institutions.

6.3 To make, acquire and use materials related to rites and customs.

6.4 To write, issue and disseminate relevant publications in these areas.

6.5 To teach a religion or belief in places suitable for these purposes.

6.6 To solicit and receive voluntary financial and other contributions.

6.7 To train, appoint, elect or designate appropriate leaders.

6.8 To observe days of rest and to celebrate holidays and ceremonies.

6.9 To establish and maintain communications with individuals and communities.

ARTICLE 7

7.1 Efforts to enact national legislation.

ARTICLE 8

8.1 Present Declaration shall not restrict or derogate other fundamental rights.