

A black and white outline map of Europe, showing the continent's borders and major islands. The map is centered in the background of the slide.

# **PROMOTING TOLERANCE AND FIGHTING INTOLERANCE**

*A POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND A COMMITMENT BY CITIZENS ALL  
ACROSS EUROPE*



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most European states have realized that intolerance presents a threat to democracy and is a danger to peace



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the fight against racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia is more or less well organized in Europe, though it is carried out in an un systematic manner



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there is no global, organised, coordinated plan in Europe for fighting intolerance and promoting tolerance

Hence the need to build the tools to learn tolerance, to bring it to life and to share it with the leaders of states, their elected representatives and society.



# FIRST THREE WORKING TOOLS

to the attention of

Heads of  
States

RECOMMENDATION  
WHITE PAPER

Elected  
Representatives

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT  
WHITE PAPER

Civil society

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# THE WHITE PAPER ON TOLERANCE

The White Paper is a basic document for consideration by all concerned parties.

The White Paper is a guide to policy, research and work over the medium and long term.

The White Paper is a message of hope for victims of intolerance.

# THE WHITE PAPER ON TOLERANCE

## The foreword

Presents some ideas, chosen out of many, to show why it is important to prepare a reference document as the first commitment in the fight against intolerance.



*"We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools."*

-Martin Luther King

## Chapter I The concept of tolerance

It is a brief reflection on the concept of tolerance:

- rooted in freedom and truth
- based on respect
- leaves no room for half-hearted measures, complacency, compromise or condescension
- must accept and recognize diversity and differences
- tolerance is demanding and it does not tolerate intolerance.

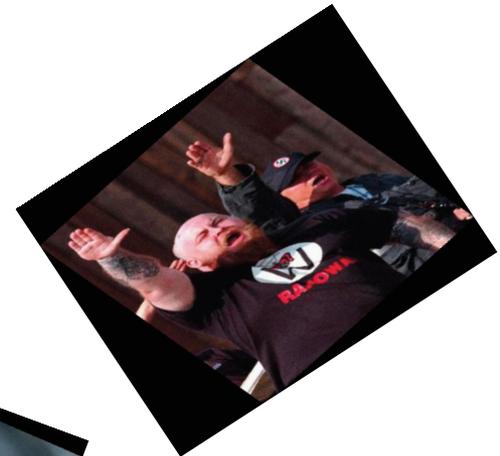
*"Tolerance is harmony in difference. It is not only a moral duty but also a political and legal requirement."*

- UNESCO Charter

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## Chapter II Refusing to Tolerate the Intolerable

- intolerance based on fear
- intolerance fuelled by hate literature
- violent racist and anti-Semitic intolerance
- discriminatory intolerance



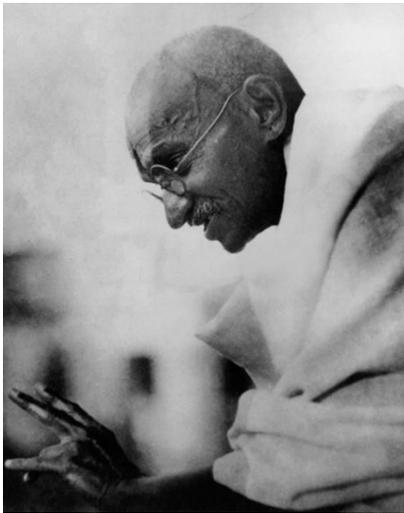
## Chapter III Fighting Intolerance

- through education and teaching dialogue
  - education
  - Internet
  - mass media
- efficient **data collection system**
  - organized data collection
  - centralized on the European level
  - analyzed
  - evaluated
  - by **monitoring intolerance for the Promotion of Tolerance**
- through the implementation of effective legislation  
(presented as part of the framework Agreement)

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## Chapter IV Measuring Intolerance for the Promotion of Tolerance

The White Paper on Tolerance is resolutely positive, constructive, pragmatic. Also it serves by example as a guide to good practice.



*"A good example is the best teacher"*

### In the field of education and training

- cultural dialogue through quality education for everyone
  - culture of dialogue – understanding others
  - universal access to education
  - measures of the rate of education
  - teaching of history and religion
  - teaching of language and cultural traditions
  - teacher training
- A positive role played by Internet media

### **In the internal institutional domain**

implementation of a European directive (non-discrimination)

independent expert bodies

data collection

national legislation to promote tolerance

### **In the domain of everyday life**

measures in housing (anti-discriminatory)

measures in the field of employment and labour

measures in the field of sports

measures in the field of religion, beliefs and practices

measures to ensure respect for sexual orientation

### **In the international domain**

positive commitment by States for the ratification of treaties, charters and conventions on the subject (including Protocol 12 ECHR)  
establishment of an intolerance monitoring body

## **Chapter V Assessing the Situation in Every European State**

Summaries, country by country, efforts made and persistent difficulties regarding intolerance and promoting tolerance on the basis of periodic reports by ECRI (European Commission against Racism and Intolerance - Council of Europe).

# FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE PROMOTION OF TOLERANCE AND THE FIGHT AGAINST INTOLERANCE

Like any agreement, the legal text should:

- recall the fundamental principles that the agreement wants to defend
- show references to basic texts on the subject
- recall the institutional and legal framework within a socio-cultural context

The purpose of the Framework Agreement should be clearly stated - which, as its name suggests, is a framework, a blueprint for guidance, agreed upon by all signatory States and that may be adapted to local requirements, but faithfully following the required scheme.

# FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE PROMOTION OF TOLERANCE AND THE FIGHT AGAINST INTOLERANCE

## SECTION I

29 articles divided into specific guidelines of the Convention

- definitions
- guidelines
- role of States in this respect
- recognition and commitment of States (in the fight against intolerance – guaranteeing standards)
- recognition by legislative powers and society

# **FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE PROMOTION OF TOLERANCE AND THE FIGHT AGAINST INTOLERANCE**

## **SECTION II**

Specifies the terms for the implementation of the Framework Agreement

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## **SECTION III**

Defines the terms for signing and entry into force of the Framework Agreement and also the possibilities for its termination.