

Let me join others in commending the special Rapporteur Mr Asma Jahangir for her ~~excellent~~ report. She has endeavored to ~~draw~~ depict a picture of different forms of ^{violations,} interference and discrimination ~~as~~ based on religion ~~or~~ or belief. ^{As the} The report has rightly said, the victims ^{have} ~~are~~ most often, women & children, minorities, ^{& increasing} migrants, migrant workers.

I agree with the special Rapporteur that the freedom in pursuing one's religion or belief must be protected and respected. Places of worship, religious sites, symbols must be protected. Individuals or groups ~~are~~ in violation of these rights should be prosecuted. Sadly,

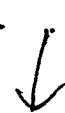
~~Many~~ believers in various parts of the world are prevented from identifying through display of religious symbols ^{or permitting religious education.} This is ~~permissible~~ in complete violation of international law and practice. We share with the ^{Op-} that it is largely

the responsibility of the state to guarantee that ~~these~~ ^{the} rights are ^{of its people including} protected. ~~for~~ ^{States should} adopt ~~pro-active~~ strategies ^{so that} ~~such~~ ^{violations} ~~can~~ not occur.

We have witnessed an unhealthy tendency for ~~to~~ ^{or} insult the deep-rooted religious feeling ~~of~~ ^{or} individuals ^{or} publishing caricatures, cartoons, or articles.

Some states condone these ^{acts} in the name of freedom of expression. ^{As} ~~the~~ ^{Mr. Asma Jahangir} ~~has~~ rightly said such acts do not contribute to the

creation of an environment of peaceful existence. ^{rather} ~~rather~~ ^{generates} hatred & intolerance. Freedom can not be infinite, it ~~is~~ must be exercised with ^{respect &} responsibility.



finally we agree with the SP that inter-religious
dialogue ^{leading to greater understanding & solidarity} is ~~needed~~ ^{for} ~~reconciliation & prevention~~
~~a conflict among societies among societies & nations.~~
And we all must strive to achieve that.

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Let me now turn to the report of the ~~Special Rapporteur~~ ^{Independent Expert} on ~~human rights and international solidarity~~ Mr. Rudi M. Rizki.

My delegation finds the report very useful and thought provoking. ~~Particularly, I commend him for~~ ~~this~~ ~~straightforwardness~~ in saying that international solidarity is not an option but an ^{incommensurable} obligation. We concur with ~~him~~ Mr. Rizki that if we are serious about effective and full enjoyment of human rights we need ~~greater~~ ^{greater} international cooperation, global ~~solidarity~~ ^{solidarity} ~~or national solidarity~~ and realization of ~~third generation rights~~ ~~and~~ ~~right~~ to development.

^{deprivation}
Poverty, ~~and~~ underdevelopment ~~are~~ ^{are} both causes and consequences of human rights violations. ~~Effective~~ ~~or~~ ~~realization~~ ~~of~~ ~~effective~~ ^{full} ~~or~~ enjoyment of human rights can ~~be~~ ~~achieved~~ not be possible without meeting challenges of development. The Millennium Declaration underscored

that cooperation ~~is~~ ^{is} indispensable for the implementation

of the globally agreed goals of development.

No doubt [^] Countries have the primary responsibility for its own economic development. But their efforts

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must be supported by ^{conducive} international ~~cooperation~~ environment.
Transparency in the ~~the~~ international financial, monetary and trading system is essential. An open, equitable, rule-based and non-discriminatory multilateral trading and financial system ~~is~~ would be of crucial significance. It is necessary to address other international economic issues such as debt relief, transfer of technology & bridging knowledge gap. We ~~also~~ ^{stress that} ~~also~~ increased overseas development assistance is urgently needed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Capacity building is needed to maximize the ability of the developing countries particularly LDCs to make full use of development assistance and trade opportunities.

~~Finally~~, let me conclude by saying that we value the work being undertaken ^{by the index expert} in the promotion of human rights and global solidarity. More ~~and~~ ^{in depth} work may be needed. ~~We look forward to~~ We would be willing to support further study and elaboration ~~of~~ focus areas in the future.