

European Union
Council of Ministers



all different
all equal

European
Passport
against
Intolerance

We are all born, live, have our hopes, ...

1=1

intolerance = 0

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all equal



Surname

.....

First name

.....



Gender

.....

Date of birth

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Place of birth

.....

Address

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Signature

Intolerance, is:

Racism

Xenophobia

Antisemitism

Sexism

Homophobia...

I,

.....
Undertake to resist any act of intolerance.

Affirm that Greater Europe must be a place of tolerance and hospitality, open to the world, in which every human being is protected by the European Convention on Human Rights.

White, Black, Yellow, Red,
complement each other,...

1=1

racism = 0

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What is racial discrimination?

The term "racial discrimination" means any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life.

(Article 1 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination)

**Discrimination is contrary to
the European Convention
on Human Rights:**

"The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in the European Convention on Human Rights shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status."

(Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights)

In someone else's country,
I am a foreigner,...

here=there

xenophobia = 0

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What is a racist doctrine?

It is a doctrine of superiority based on racial differentiation. This doctrine is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous, and that there is no justification for racial discrimination, in theory or in practice, anywhere.

(taken from the Preamble to the CERD)

What is an act of racism?

An act of racism means refusing someone, something or some service to which he or she is entitled, on the grounds of his or her origin or beliefs.

It also means:

Physical or verbal abuse on the sole grounds of a person's ethnic background, race, nationality or religion.

Incitement to racial hatred, violence and discrimination.

We are all someone's children,...

you=me

antisemitism = 0

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Accordingly,

In most member countries of the Council of Europe,

No-one may be refused access on the grounds of their origin to a café, restaurant, supermarket, youth club, bank, discothèque, theatre, concert hall or cinema, or to public transport including taxis.

No-one may be refused enrolment at a school or allocation of social housing on grounds of their origin.

No-one may be evicted or refused a lease, refused a job or be dismissed, refused the opening of a bank account or the issue of an insurance policy on grounds of their origin.

No-one may be refused family allowances or unemployment benefit, building premiums, celebration of a civil wedding or celebration of a religious service on grounds of their origin.

No-one may publicly utter words inciting others to practise discriminatory or violent behaviour towards any person or group on the grounds of their origin.

No-one may post up or publish a notice prohibiting a group from renting an apartment or entering a café or discothèque on the grounds of the origin of its members.

No-one may join or support an association whose regular activity consists in practising or advocating racial discrimination and violence.

What would we be
without one another,...

$$\text{♀} = \text{♂}$$

sexism = 0

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**What to do if you are the victim
of an act of racism?**

You must:

Immediately take statements from
witnesses

You can:

depending on the situation in your country,

Contact a lawyer, who will advise you.

Contact your local Bar Council who will
advise you about the possibility of
obtaining legal aid.

Write to the Public Prosecutor at the
Regional Court of the area where the
incident occurred.

Report the matter to the nearest police
station.

Contact human rights associations who
can take up the matter on your behalf.

All you need is love,...

X=Y

homophobia = 0

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**What to do if you are a witness
to an act of racism?**

You must:

- Let the victim know you are a witness and give him your name and address.
- Write on a separate sheet a summary of what you have witnessed, consistent with the following model:

"I, the undersigned, (name, surname, nationality, address) certify that I have personally witnessed the following:

.....
.....
.....

I make this sworn declaration knowing that it may be produced as part of the judicial process and that any false statement may render me liable to prosecution".

- Send this statement to the Prosecutor at the Regional Court of the area where the incident occurred.
- Gather other witnesses' statements.

In Vienna, in October 1993, the Heads of State and Government of the 34 member states (*) of the Council of Europe made the following declaration:

"We:

- Condemn in the strongest possible terms racism in all its forms xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance and all forms of religious discrimination;
- Encourage member States to continue efforts already undertaken to eliminate these phenomena, and commit ourselves to strengthening national laws and international instruments and taking appropriate measures at national and European level;
- Undertake to combat all ideologies, policies and practices constituting and incitement to racial hatred, violence and discrimination, as well as any action or language likely to strengthen fears and tensions between groups from different racial, ethnic, national, religious or social backgrounds;
- Launch an urgent appeal to European peoples, groups and citizens, and young people in particular, that they resolutely engage in combating all forms of intolerance and that they actively participate in the construction of a European society based on common values, characterised by democracy, tolerance and solidarity."

(*) Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

Useful Addresses:

In each of your countries, you can apply to:

- the courts, the police, specialist government agencies;
- human rights associations;

1. To obtain particulars of your country's national committee, call the Council of Europe, Campaign Secretariat:
Fax +33 (0) 3 88 41 39 87.

2. To obtain particulars of your country's member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, call the Council of Europe, Secretariat of the Commission:
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