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Call for inputs on combating intolerance based on religion or belief (HRC resolution 61/36)

On 31 March 2026, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted resolution 61/36 on "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief" (https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/61/36). It requests "the High Commissioner to prepare and submit to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-fourth session a comprehensive follow-up report with elaborated conclusions based upon information provided by States on the efforts and measures taken for the implementation of the action plan outlined in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, and views on potential follow-up measures for further improvement of the implementation of that plan".

> 7. *Notes* the speech given by the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council, and draws upon his call on States to take the following actions to foster a domestic environment of religious tolerance, peace and respect by:
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> (a) Encouraging the creation of collaborative networks to build mutual understanding, promoting dialogue and inspiring constructive action towards shared policy goals and the pursuit of tangible outcomes, such as servicing projects in the fields of education, health, conflict prevention, employment, integration and media education;
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> (b) Creating an appropriate mechanism within Governments to, inter alia, identify and address potential areas of tension between members of different religious communities, and assisting with conflict prevention and mediation;
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> (c) Encouraging the training of government officials in effective outreach strategies;
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> (d) Encouraging the efforts of leaders to discuss within their communities the causes of discrimination, and evolving strategies to counter those causes;
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> (e) Speaking out against intolerance, including advocacy of religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence;
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> (f) Adopting measures to criminalize incitement to imminent violence on the basis of religion or belief;
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> (g) Understanding the need to combat denigration and negative religious stereotyping of persons and incitement to religious hatred by strategizing and harmonizing actions at the local, national, regional and international levels through, inter alia, education and awareness-building;
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> (h) Recognizing that the open, constructive and respectful debate of ideas and interfaith and intercultural dialogue at the local, national and international levels can play a positive role in combating religious hatred, incitement and violence;
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> 8. *Calls upon* all States:
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> (a) To take effective measures to ensure that public functionaries, in the conduct of their public duties, do not discriminate against individuals on the basis of religion or belief;
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> (b) To foster religious freedom and pluralism by promoting the ability of members of all religious communities to manifest their religion and to contribute openly and on an equal footing to society;
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> (c) To encourage the representation and meaningful participation of individuals, irrespective of their religion, in all sectors of society;
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> (d) To make a strong effort to counter religious profiling, which is understood to be the invidious use of religion as a criterion in conducting questionings, searches and other law enforcement investigative procedures.

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