

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Item 9: General Debate



We are Alarmed by an Increasing Trend of Islamophobia

Mr. President,

About 10 thousand Muslims have been surveyed in 13 western countries on feelings of racism and discrimination in daily life, 50 percent of whom reported to be victims of Islamophobic experiences.

Research results published in Oct. 2024¹ prove an alarming increase in the trend of Islamophobia in Western countries in comparison to previous years.

Unfortunately, the most affected are young Muslims and women who wear religious clothing.

About 40 percent of Muslims experience discrimination when looking for work and 35 percent in the workplace. Over 30 percent of the respondents said they could not buy or rent an apartment because of their religious beliefs, and about twenty-seven percent of the people in the study have experienced racial harassment.

Mr. President,

Being over-concerned with the alarmingly increasing discrimination against Muslims in the world:

- We call on the international community to fortify efforts to reverse the existing trend so that all Muslims will be able to enjoy to equal rights especially in working and housing.
- We encourage all States to increase investing in community integration programs, in order to address the threatening trend of Islamophobia in their countries.

¹<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/muslims-europe-face-ever-more-racism-and-discrimination>