

Project of the Romanian Radio Society for COPEAM on a Declaration on Multiculturalism

Gathered in Bucharest on the occasion of the 15th Conference and of the 14th General Assembly of the Permanent Conference of Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators (COPEAM), in the framework of the multicultural dialogue, the members of COPEAM adopt the following declaration:

COPEAM :

- Affirms that tolerance, acknowledgement, acceptance and promotion of cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity, as well as the dialogue between the civilisations are fundamental for the respect, the pacific coexistence and the cooperation between individuals and peoples, in their cultural and religious diversity;
- Considers that the differences inside the societies and between one another must not rouse fear nor be reprimanded, but they must rather be appreciated as values of the human kind;
- Acknowledges that all the religions and cultures have given meritorious contributions to the civilisation and that the whole human kind shares common values.

COPEAM has called all its members for:

1. supporting the production of programmes devoted to the ethnical and the cultural diversity ;
2. using all the means they are provided with in order to promote the peaceful coexistence and the cooperation between the different communities and to prevent all discriminatory or unfavourable treatments engendered by the belonging to an ethnic, cultural or religious group, by keeping a tolerant and dialogical spirit ;
3. promoting the respect of the human rights, the individual freedom and the peaceful coexistence of groups or ethnic, cultural and religious minorities ;
4. not encouraging, in their programmes, discrimination, especially the one based on religious or belief criteria, recognizing the fundamental rights and freedoms of the human kind, in every aspect of the civil, economic, politic, social and cultural life, endorsing the fight against intolerant behaviour arisen for cultural or religious reasons ;
5. contributing to the fight against violence instigation, to persecutory acts that come from hate and intolerance and that can generate hatred or destroy the harmony inside different communities and between them.
6. promoting the mutual comprehension, the tolerance, the reciprocal respect and the friendship between people and their cultural, linguistic and ethnic differences.

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