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Recent years have seen an increase of discrimination, religious persecution and ethnic cleansing, massive displacement of refugees and the perpetration of atrocity crimes in situations around the world, both by States and non-State actors. At the same time, we have witnessed the spread of violent extremism, which misuses religion to justify brutal violence against civilians. In parallel, we have also seen how these phenomena - which in many situations represent threats to international peace and security - can easily be manipulated to justify limitations of fundamental rights and freedoms, including the rights to freedom of religion and belief and freedom of expression and opinion.

While we live difficult times with crisis and insecurity, let us never forget:

On the issue of human rights and religious freedom, development and peace, nothing of a political nature happens by accident.

Every person, organization and State have a responsibility to contribute positively for the defense of religious freedom or belief of the other, for respect, peace and security.

You are important and matter!

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