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The International Association of Russian-speaking Lawyers, having read the draft Recommendations on combating hate speech, reports the following.

We consider it most important to note that the recommendations submitted for analysis do not formulate a clear definition and do not disclose the concept of "hate speech", which is, in fact, the subject of the recommendations and should be sufficiently specified.

It is proposed to consider a variant of the following definition of the concept of "hate speech":

«This is an action or utterance, an appeal of one person or group of persons aimed at inciting hatred or enmity, as well as at humiliating the dignity of a person or group of persons on the grounds of gender, race, nationality, language, origin, attitude to religion, as well as belonging to any social group, committed in public or using the mass media.

For the purposes of these Recommendations, hate speech is understood as any kind of oral, written speech or action that expresses aggression or uses derogatory or discriminatory expressions against a person or a group of persons based on who they are, in other words, based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, skin color, origin, gender or other identity factor. This is often rooted in and generates intolerance and hatred, and in certain contexts it can be humiliating and divisive».

We believe that, in general, the recommendations comply with the norms and provisions of international law.

Other additions of the International Association of Russian-speaking Lawyers experts', available in the draft, clarify this issue, aimed at specifying the meaning of certain provisions of the Recommendations.

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