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The mind control process is not limited to the psychological processes which cause the damage that we know. It does not only produce the victims who come to us seeking comfort and an empathetic ear. Beyond the individual problem, the process has an organisational dimension which makes it like a totalitarian type of system in which all powers, legislative, executive and legal, are all concentrated in one single hand, that of the leader. In fact the group is a state within the State, quite distant from the democratic systems which we have built through our struggles and sacrifices. It is clearly a totalitarian state, practicing its own laws and inflicting its own punishment. In this system, religion is but a gripping tool, a pretext for recruitment.

Ladies and gentlemen, representatives of the countries here-present, we have been asking you for many years to open your eyes to the vulnerability of our democracies. We ask you to assume your responsibilities and to recognise that you have been deceived by those who brandish human rights as a standard, and hide behind the freedom of belief and religion to better mislead and orchestrate you.

This claimed "freedom of belief" is used as a Trojan horse to infiltrate even these institutions in order to influence policy on the subject of cults and to intimidate those who struggle against totalitarian groups.

Today more than ever it is imperative not to confuse religion with the deceitful tools used to political ends.

The jihadist attacks of recent times with their clear political objectives should make it easy to see the link with these aims of the cults that seek to reduce the democratic model to nothingness.