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FECRIS - The European Federation of Research and Information Centres on Cults and Sects, federates family and victim support associations who fight against cultist undue influence in more than 30 countries.

FECRIS has been present in the sessions of ODIHR in Warsaw since 2007, trying to attract your attention on the truth. Indeed, cultist lobbies, massively present here, continue to clamour that our organisation fights against freedom and attacks human rights, fundamental freedoms and specifically the freedom of belief and religion.

These lobbies constantly circulate slanderous pamphlets on the Internet to discredit our organisation and its members. Their goal is clearly to create confusion between cults and religion so as to highjack human rights.

FECRIS is not about religion or politics. It is politically and religiously neutral. Its mission is to federate associations defending victims harmed by undue influence by groups or individuals and to support their families. These groups are not, contrary to what they claim, new religious movements, whose objective would be to provide spiritual enlightenment in the lives of their members. They have a hidden agenda and violate the principles of the rule of law. They operate according to the capricious will of their leader or guru who assumes all the powers of state, legislative, executive and judicial.

The cult is a state within a state, in which governing power is assumed by the guru, who has taken upon himself to incorporate the law. It is time that institutions like the OSCE and the governments who are part of it, realise that, as the attorney, Jean-Pierre Jougla, member of our Board, observed "the cultist project is to change

the paradigms of our democratic States on which ALL the sovereign principles of our societies are based".

It is time that the governments present here realise that these groups which come here and openly defame us before you, are following a totalitarian model, whose sole aim is the subjugation of those who adhere to it, after having provoked the break with their members' previous lives in order to better exploit them financially, sexually, in total defiance of the law, and thanks to the system they have achieved to reach their objective: the limitless devotion of their followers, a dedication that can go as far as death.

How credible are these groups which accumulate court cases for pedophilia, fraud, violation of human rights, harassment and misuse of corporate assets?

Neither defamation of our associations nor contempt of laws will produce democracies such as we wish them to be, respectful of fundamental freedoms as they were set out in the European Convention on Human Rights, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.