

European Interreligious Council pronounces Paris shooting as an act of terrorism on
humanity

The European Council of Religious Leaders ECRL is appalled and shocked by this horrific and indefensible obscene attack on those who promote free speech. The freedom of speech offers all an opportunity to resolve disputes and disagreements without violence.

ECRL condemn without reservation this extreme violent act, especially if the perpetrators claim to be protecting the honour of their religion or their religious values. This act of terrorism is an attack on humanity itself.

“As an European Interreligious Council we reject categorically all forms of violent religious extremism and its purported justification. Respectful of our religions differences we will go on testifying strong multi-religious cooperation in acting together for peace and liberty” says Thomas Wipf, Moderator of ECRL.

Jehangir Sarosh, Secretary General, stated; “In all religious traditions the concept of human dignity demands responsibility from its believers to the Divine and other human beings and forms the ground for freedom and co-existence”.

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