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It is important to develop a climate of tolerance and respect where every citizen is treated without discrimination on the basis of:

- Gender
- Racial or ethnic origins
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Age

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