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***Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: fighting intolerance***

How do we coexist? In a world that goes faster and faster, with growing complexities on a global scale?

We are all interconnected, we are all entwined but interconnection does not mean coexistence.

Interconnection is a fact, Coexistence is a choice. How we turn a fact into a choice?

We can do it by restoring faith in single human beings by protecting them in their lives, in their beliefs, in their rights.

These way we can overcome inequalities and threats to peace.

1<sup>st</sup> right: alphabetization key fact to eradicate intolerance.

My Country , my Government are facing a new wave of migrants on these days.

Populations are displacing themselves in the Mediterranean at great risk!

Almost 80 people drowned last week. We are saving lives in the sea, most times we succeed, sometimes we fail.

This is not coexistence, it's a collective challenge but we feel we are alone.

All of us often feel alone.

We, here, as member of parliamentarians, are specifically demanded to cooperate together in these very difficult times and show that our common work, in spite of procedures, necessary compromises and sometimes a perceived inefficiency by our people, can provide solid responses to strategic challenges that expect us today and in the future.

So let's boarden IPU and let's use our extraordinary network to effectively promote coexistence.