



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

6th INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Freedom of speech, expression and religion, and freedom from want and fear are as sought after today as they were when Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed Congress in 1941.

Acts of terrorism around the globe over recent times have reminded us that these hard-fought freedoms can be suddenly undermined.

Human rights are a direct challenge to the proposition that ‘might is right’. In essence, human rights education is our first line of defence.

Now more than ever, the continuous and rigorous exchange of ideas will be vital if we are to maintain a global human rights culture that effectively balances security, liberty and the rule of law.

I applaud your commitment to collaboration because, as in the words of Roosevelt, *‘our strength is our unity of purpose’*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mal Turnbull'.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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