

# OBSERVATORY ON INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN EUROPE

## Working Session 11: Tolerance and Non-Discrimination I

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### Recommendations

#### **Participating States are urged to:**

- Provide disaggregated data on hate crimes, paying due attention to hate crimes against Christians in all areas, including where they are majority.
- Register religious affiliation of refugees and asylum seekers at reception centres.
- Declare the systematic targeting and killing of Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq and Syria genocide.
- Recognise the special status of Christians and other religious minorities, and receive refugees and asylum seekers from alternate channels, instead of solely from UNHCR camps.
- Train and educate police, social welfare office staff, and accommodation security on the topic of religiously-motivated conflict.
- Improve the balance in ethnic/religious composition of refugees, as well as staff, security, and translators in asylum centres, and remove offending staff in incidents of religiously-motivated bias or violence.
- Permit anonymous reporting of religiously-motivated incidents, protect whistle-blowers, remove perpetrators from accommodations, and deport violent offenders.
- Support private accommodations for Christians. As a last resort or temporary measure, in the absence of the above-mentioned protections, establish separate accommodations for Christian refugees.
- Compile and publish a national report on hate crimes, including against Christians.
- Develop training programs on hate crimes for public officials and law enforcement agencies operating at local level.
- Adopt national action plans in order to prevent and effectively respond to hate crimes.

#### **The Chairmanship-in-Office is urged to:**

- Consult closely with the Personal Representatives and support their work.
- Appoint a fourth Personal Representative focused on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians.

#### **The Personal Representatives of the Chairmanship-in-Office are called upon to:**

- Focus on, and adopt a standardized approach to, country visits and subsequent reports.
- Intervene when incidents do occur, through public statements and engagement with authorities of relevant participating States.

#### **The OSCE/ODIHR is called upon to:**

- Develop guidelines for educators on countering intolerance and discrimination against Christians.
- Develop and strengthen capacity-building activities for the protection of all religious properties, including Christian sites.
- Train law enforcement agencies, media, and civil society to recognise and report hate crimes perpetrated against majority groups.

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