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To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- adopt practical measures to assure that the media as well as the political and public discourse are respectful for Christians, their representatives, teaching and symbols.
- foster the participation of Christians in public life and welcome the interventions in the public debate of the representatives of religious communities that give their view – based on moral convictions deriving from faith – about everyday’s life and, in particular, on legislative and administrative provisions of their Countries.
- follow-up the Cordoba, Bucharest, Astana and Tirana Conferences by convening a Conference at the appropriate high-level in 2016 to examine in a balanced way racism, intolerance and discrimination, within the realm of the existing commitments.

To the Chairmanship-in-Office

The Chairmanship-in-Office is urged to:

- consult closely with the Personal Representatives and support their work.
- appoint a fourth Personal Representative on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against the members of other religious communities and against Roma and Sinti, in order to focus one Personal Representative’s mandate on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians.

To the Personal Representatives of the Chairmanship-in-Office

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.

To the OSCE/ODIHR

The OSCE/ODIHR is called upon to:

- develop Guidelines for educators on countering intolerance and discrimination against Christians.
- develop and strengthen capacity building activities with regard to the protection of religious properties, including the Christian ones.