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As Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and members of other religions, I am horrified to hear about the murders of three Christian Missionaries at a publishing house in Malatya in Turkey. I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to their families and friends, to the religious groupings they belong to, to the members of the publishing house where they were killed and to Turkish people everywhere.

There can be no justification anywhere in religious, secular or simply human terms for this most serious and final infringement of human rights.

It is, I believe, the responsibility of all participating OSCE States to ensure that such actions can never occur again. As well as clear and well implemented legislation, this requires collective political will and courageous leadership.