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To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- guarantee the right to conscientious objection not only in respect of compulsory military service but also in relation to all morally sensitive questions.
- not force children to undertake compulsory sexual, religious or ethical teaching which may be inconsistent with the convictions of the children's parents, providing in this case non-discriminatory opt-out provisions.

To the OSCE/ODIHR and to the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief

The OSCE/ODIHR and to the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief are called upon to:

- assist in cooperation with the Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief the participating States in reviewing or drafting legislation pertaining freedom of religion or belief in order to guarantee the right to conscientious objection in all morally sensitive questions, providing that the rights of others to be free from discrimination are respected and that the access to lawful services is guaranteed.
- assist the participating States in reviewing or drafting legislation pertaining to freedom of religion or belief in order to guarantee (a) that the liberty of parents to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions is fully respected and (b) that the participating States provide non-discriminatory opt-out possibilities that would accommodate the right of parents.