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Mme Moderator,

On number of occasions participating states committed themselves to fighting tolerance and non-discrimination through education. They recognized the important role of the ODIHR its expertise and ability of sharing good practices. In this regard, we particularly emphasis the relevance of Ljubljana decision on tolerance and non-discrimination: promoting mutual respect and understanding.

Next year we will be marking 70 year anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human rights and UN Convention Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

We believe that the OSCE as a security organization has a special place in raising awareness on these two key international instruments particularly from the perspective of education on and remembrance of genocides.

That being said let me submit a recommendation to ODIHR

To assist participating states in implementing the Ljubljana decision wherein they commit themselves to promote education on and remembrance of the Holocaust and other genocides, recognized as such in accordance with the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

Thank you.