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### Recommendations by “Giuseppe Dossetti” Observatory for Religious Tolerance and Freedom (Italy)

#### To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- record carefully hate crimes committed against religious properties.
- fully implement their commitment to adopt policies to promote respect and protection for places of worship and properties of all religious communities, benefiting from the expertise of the ODIHR in this field.
- provide disaggregated data on hate crimes, paying more attention to the hate crimes against Christians – also where they are majority – in the questionnaire collecting data from national data collection point.
- compile and publish a national report on hate crimes.
- request the assistance of the OSCE/ODIHR in order to implement TACHLE and PAHCT at national level.
- develop training programs on hate crimes for public officials and law enforcement agencies operating at local level.
- adopt national action plan in order to prevent and respond to hate crimes.

#### To the OSCE/ODIHR

The OSCE/ODIHR is called upon to:

- develop and strengthen capacity building activities with regard to the protection of religious properties, including the Christian ones.
- train law enforcement agencies, media and civil society to consider carefully also the hate crimes perpetrated against majority groups.
- develop Guidelines for educators on countering intolerance and discrimination against Christians.
- enhance the cooperation among its departments in order to guarantee a comprehensive and coherent approach in protecting freedom of religion or belief and combating religious intolerance and discrimination

#### 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.