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**DECISION No. 10/09
OSCE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON TOLERANCE
AND NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Ministerial Council,

Recognizing that tolerance and non-discrimination are important elements in the promotion of human rights and democratic values and that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law is at the core of the OSCE comprehensive concept of security,

Recalling its commitments in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination enshrined in the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, the 1990 Charter of Paris for a New Europe, the 1999 Charter for European Security, Decision No. 4/03, adopted at the 11th Ministerial Council meeting (Maastricht, 2003), Decision No. 12/04, adopted at the 12th Ministerial Council meeting (Sofia, 2004), Decision No. 10/05, adopted at the 13th Ministerial Council meeting (Ljubljana, 2005), Decision No. 13/06, adopted at the 14th Ministerial Council meeting (Brussels, 2006), Decision No. 10/07, adopted at the 15th Ministerial Council meeting (Madrid, 2007), Decision No. 6/08, adopted at the 16th Ministerial Council meeting (Helsinki, 2008) and Permanent Council Decisions Nos. 607, 621 and 633,

Recalling the OSCE's focus on promoting tolerance and non-discrimination, embodied in the 2003 Vienna Conferences on Anti-Semitism and on Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, the April 2004 Berlin Conference on Anti-Semitism, the June 2004 Paris Meeting on the Relationship Between Racist, Xenophobic and Anti-Semitic Propaganda on the Internet and Hate Crimes, the September 2004 Brussels Conference on Tolerance and the Fight Against Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, the June 2005 Cordoba Conference on Anti-Semitism and on Other Forms of Intolerance, the June 2007 Bucharest Conference on Combating Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding, and recalling the outcomes of those conferences,

Reaffirming its determination to implement the existing OSCE commitments in the fields of tolerance and non-discrimination and fundamental freedoms, and recalling other relevant international obligations,

Decides to convene, in Astana on 29 and 30 June 2010, an OSCE High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-discrimination, including a comprehensive review of the relevant OSCE commitments, and welcomes the offer by Kazakhstan to host that Conference;

Tasks the Permanent Council, in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, to adopt the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the Conference.