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According to Vienna 1989 Concluding Document the OSCE and its participating States should engage in consultations with religious communities and promote the participation of these communities in public dialogue. So participating States should welcome the interventions of the representatives of religious communities that give their view – based on moral convictions deriving from faith – about everyday’s life and, in particular, on legislative and administrative provisions of their Countries. Unless instead of proposing the religious communities become coercive, this should not be considered as a manifestation of intolerance because they exercise their right to religious freedom and in particular the right of religious teaching.

Moreover the OSCE participating States not always respect also the right of parents to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions. For example, children should not be forced to a compulsory sexual, religious or ethical teaching which can be not consistent with the convictions of the children’s parents: in this case participating States should provide non-discriminatory opt-out possibilities. On the other side, we should bear in mind that the raising multiculturalism is in no way contrary to a facultative confessional religious teaching in public schools.

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