



2006 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

Recommendations of the Holy See

Working Session 16

*Promotion of Tolerance and Non Discrimination,
and Mutual Respect and Understanding*

To the OSCE:

- The OSCE should continue to promote responsibility and sensitivity in dealing with religious and cross-cultural issues and therefore this Organization should emphasize that the mockery of the sacred is not a right of freedom
- The OSCE should continue to work to ensure that educational system and the media avoid stereotypes, distortions, attitudes of intolerance and the frequent belittling of religion and culture.
- The Holy See would welcome further suggestions and practical ideas of the CiO Representative on Discrimination and Intolerance, with a special focus on Discrimination and Intolerance against Christians and members of other Religions, on how to address intolerance and discrimination against Christians.

To ODIHR

- The Tolerance and non-Discrimination programme of ODIHR should pay more effective attention to the implementation of the specific OSCE commitment to fight against prejudice, intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions; this applies too in the context of education as a means to promote respect and understanding and in the work of ODIHR related to *Challenges and Responses to Hate –Motivated Incidents*.
- In the fight against discrimination and intolerance, the ODIHR action should stay within the agreed language of the Organization and therefore avoid to extend that action to issues where there is no consensus between participating States.