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To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- pay more attention to the hate crimes against Christians – also where they are majority – in the questionnaire collecting data from national data collection point.
- engage in consultations with religious communities respecting their specificity with regard to other social groups and – among religious communities – taking into account the historical, cultural and numeric relevance of each community (the dialogue should also take place in a bilateral way, with each of the relevant communities, in relation to specific circumstances and subjects).
- 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.
- protect all religions – also the majority ones – from prejudices and misrepresentation, particularly in the field of education, culture and information.
- promote a dialogue between the Muslim representatives and the religious communities present in the places where mosques are to be built in order to foster a climate of mutual tolerance and respect between believers of different communities.
- follow-up the Cordoba and Bucharest Conferences by convening in 2010 a Conference at appropriate high-level to examine in a balanced way anti-Semitism as well as intolerance and discrimination against Christians, Muslims and members of others religions, within the realm of existing commitments.

To the OSCE-ODIHR

The OSCE-ODIHR is called upon to:

- focus its activity more to fulfilling the existing commitments and pay less attention to other concerns out the boundaries of the OSCE *acquis*.
- train law enforcement agencies, media and civil society to consider carefully also the hate crimes perpetrated against majority religions.
- raise the awareness on the positive contribution of the religious communities to the building and the well-being of our democratic societies.

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