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To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- create an atmosphere of tolerance and appreciation of religions within which freedom of religion or belief can best flourish. This space should be open to all and the media can play an important role in the creation of this space.
- adopt practical measures to assure that the media as well as the political and public discourse are respectful for religions, their representatives, teaching and symbols.
- protect all religions also the majority ones from prejudices and misrepresentation, particularly in the field of education, culture and information.

To the OSCE Representative on the Freedom of the Media

The OSCE Representative on the Freedom of the Media is called upon to:

• provide – in close cooperation with the OSCE-ODIHR and the Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief – guidelines for voluntary professional standards and self-regulation of the media in order to prevent intolerant discourse against religions.

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