



## HOLY SEE

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### **Tolerance and Non-Discrimination II: Prevention of Violence Against Women** (Working Session 7: 1 October 2009)

The Holy See recommends that:

- 1) Participating States take the necessary action to promote equally effective participation of men and women in political, economic, social and cultural life.
- 2) Participating States and OSCE institutions work together to ensure that OSCE documents are more responsive to women, particularly to women living in poverty, through developing strategies for development, on literacy and education, on ending violence against women, on a culture of peace, and on access to employment.
- 3) Participating States and OSCE institutions collaborate in creating a culture where the inherent, inalienable dignity of women is respected, where both the distinctiveness and the complementarity of women and men are valued, and where any violent act against women is recognized as a denial of their essential rights, a violation of their dignity, and hence a detriment to the society as a whole.
- 4) Participating States address discriminatory practices that keep women on the margins of society, oftentimes caused by or aggravated by discrimination based on a woman's race, ethnicity, religion or social status.
- 5) Participating States and OSCE institutions renew their efforts to uphold and strengthen women's role in the family, while at the same time making it possible for her to use all her talents and exercise all her rights in building up society.