

HOLY SEE

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Specific Recommendations on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding

The Delegation of the Holy See recommends the following actions on the part of the OSCE and the ODIHR:

- 1) To commit more focused energy and effort to fulfilling the agreed upon OSCE commitments, and to resist their expansion. Undue attention to other concerns, even if legitimate, serves only to distract the efforts of the OSCE and ODIHR and forestall effective and timely measures to address the agreed upon commitments, which have yet to be fulfilled.
- 2) To continue to develop the new webpage on TANDIS on the Discrimination against Christians, including by updating and monitoring incidents of intolerance and discrimination against them.
- 3) To make a concerted effort to offer a more balanced approach to the OSCE, ODIHR response to incidents of anti-Semitism, and intolerance and discrimination against Muslims and Christians.
- 4) To organize an upcoming specific meeting on the aspects of intolerance and discrimination against Christians throughout the OSCE region.
- 5) To recognize in concrete terms that intolerance and discrimination against Christians continues to be a matter of grave concern in the OSCE region, and that, together with the other types of intolerance and discrimination specifically outlined in the OSCE

commitments, it must be addressed with all of the resources at the disposal of the organization.

- 6) To pay specific attention to intolerance and discrimination against Christians in the media, in the field of education, public discourse and in the fight against hate crimes.