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TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY
AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

**STATEMENT BY MONSIGNOR MICHAEL W. BANACH,
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AT THE 737th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**RE: ANY OTHER BUSINESS
2008 REPORT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Mister Chairman:

The Delegation of the Holy See would like to call the attention of the participating States to the *Report 2008 on Religious Freedom Worldwide* published last October 23 by the International Association “*Kirche in Not*”. “*Kirche in Not*”, or “Aid to the Church in Need”, is not an organization of the Holy See; it is independent.

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman!