

## **Recommendations based on the side event "Russian political prisoners in 2019 and the role for the OSSE" held on 19.09.2019**

### **To Russian Federation:**

- To abolish all of the anti - constitutional standardized norms of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, as well as all of the norms of the criminal law that violate the international obligations undertaken by the Russian Federation: Art.212.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation; Art. 284.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, as well as all of the amendments adopted in the legislation that have established the status of "undesirable organization"; article 330.1, and also cancel out all of the changes in the legislation that established the status of organizations acting in the capacity and carrying out the functions of a foreign agent;
- To provide a broken down in greater detail and narrowed down legislative definition as well as the restrictions in the practical application of the concept of "extremist activity", as well as the art. 280, art. 282, art. 282.1, art. 282.2, art. 282.3 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation;
- Release of individuals, deprived of their freedom, who have been prosecuted based on apparently fraudulently fabricated charges against them and / or solely on the grounds of their political, religious or other convictions, and on the basis of their non - violent exercise of their right to the freedom of thought, conscience and religion, freedom of expression of their points of view and information, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and the other rights and freedoms guaranteed by the international obligations undertaken by the Russian Federation;
- To annul the decision of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation of 2003 on recognition of Hizb ut-Tahrir as a terrorist organization;
- To review the sentences imposed in connection with allegations of

participation in this organization;

- To end the criminal prosecution and release persons deprived of their liberty in connection with these charges;

**To OCSE member states:**

- To pay special attention to the cases of politically motivated criminal prosecution in the RF, particularly in regards to the cases of political prisoners;

- To impose specific, personally tailored sanctions against those individuals, who are personally responsible for gross violations of the human rights and having to do with the illegal, politically motivated imprisonment/deprivation of freedom.