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RECOMENDATION

OSCE is the first international organisation in history to devote a special session to Anti-Semitism. It turned out during the conference that the problem is of major importance, and the real danger of Anti-Semitism is much more profound than just lack of sympathy towards the Jews. This infamous evil is present practically in all countries of OSCE, but the approach to it varies very much from country to country. OSCE is not organising a special monitoring of anti-Semitic activities, is not yet analysing the data, and has not developed a common strategy of combating it, which can be suggested to participant states.

That is why we propose to establish an ongoing mechanism under the OSCE for monitoring, analysing and combating Anti-Semitism. The best way for it may be an establishment of a position of a special Officer on Anti-Semitism and Jewish Issues. The precedent for it exists already in a position of an Officer for Roma and Sinti Issues. This officer would be able to set up an expert group, to launch a system of monitoring, to be in ongoing touch with governmental and non-governmental organisations, and to serve as a central address for issues on that topic.

As one of the major Jewish NGO's of the region that brings together Jewish communities of CIS, the Asian mainland, Australia and Oceania, we can submit all kinds of support to such an officer if appointed.

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