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To the Chairman-in-Office

The Chairman-in-Office is called upon to:

- appoint a fourth Personal Representative on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Roma and Sinti and on other forms of Intolerance and Discrimination (so one Representative could focus his/her activity on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and the members of other religious communities).

To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- create an atmosphere of tolerance and appreciation of religions within which freedom of religion or belief can best flourish and in which religious communities can engage in full and fruitful dialogue. This space should be open to all and the media can play an important role in the creation of this space.
- welcome the interventions of the representatives of religious communities that give their view – based on moral convictions deriving from faith – about everyday’s life and, in particular, on legislative and administrative provisions of their Countries.
- protect all religions – also the majority ones – from prejudice and negative stereotype, particularly in the field of education, culture and information.
- pay more attention to the hate crimes against Christians – also where they are majority – in the questionnaire collecting data from national data collection point.



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To the OSCE-ODIHR

The OSCE-ODIHR is called upon to:

- focus its activity more to fulfilling the existing commitments and pay less attention to other concerns out the boundaries of the OSCE *acquis*.
- provide – in close cooperation with the OSCE Representative on the Freedom of the Media – guidelines for voluntary professional standards and self-regulation of the media in order to prevent intolerant discourse against religions.
- organize a meeting at appropriate level to follow-up the Round Table on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians.
- train law enforcement agencies, media and civil society to consider carefully also the hate crimes perpetrated against majority religions.
- raise awareness on the positive contribution of the religious communities to the building and the well-being of our democratic societies.

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