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To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- guarantee the right to wear religious symbols and attire in public spaces, which is encompassed by the freedom of religion or belief.
- guarantee the conscientious objection not only to the compulsory military service but also in relation to all morally sensitive questions.
- foster the participation of religious communities in public life and welcome the interventions in the public debate of the religious leaders.
- engage in consultations with religious communities in order to adopt anti-discrimination laws which do not violate the autonomy and self-organization of the religious communities.
- return to religious communities the place of worship which were confiscated by public authorities, returning them to the original owner instead allocating to other religious.
- adopt legislation and zoning laws which prohibits zoning of place of worship for different use than original.
- promote a dialogue between the representatives of the religious communities that are building a new place of worship and the religious communities historically present in the places in order to foster a climate of mutual tolerance and respect between believers of different communities.
- request the assistance of the OSCE/ODIHR in reviewing or drafting legislation pertaining freedom of religion or belief.
- mainstream freedom of religion or belief in their foreign policies.

To the OSCE/ODIHR

The OSCE/ODIHR is called upon to:

- raise awareness on the positive contribution of the religions to the building and the well-being of our democratic societies.
- assist in cooperation with the Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief the participating States in reviewing or drafting legislation pertaining freedom of religion or belief in order to guarantee the right to conscientious objection in all morally sensitive questions, providing that the rights of others to be free from discrimination are respected and that the access to lawful services is guaranteed.