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OTHER FORMS OF INTOLERANCE**

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**We have had reports of physically violent hate crimes motivated by homophobia in Bulgaria, Moldova, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Greece, France, the United States of America, Portugal all within the past six months.**

**In many of these situations the victim has had to report the crimes in an environment where it was either impossible or very difficult to name the motivation for the assault. In some cases the danger of reporting and subsequent consequences for the person were too great and the crime was unreported.**

**In the past two months Pride parades – Marches for Diversity, Culture for Tolerance parades have been disallowed in Moldova, Romania and Poland.**

**We recognize the very positive work by ODIHR in developing a working definition of hate crimes which includes on the grounds of sexual orientation, the pilot police training programme and the development of the data base of documenting hate crimes.**

**We further recognize the role of the Personal Representative of the Chairman in Office in discussing these situations with Representatives of Member States**

**We call on OSCE and all member states to**

- **To amend the draft Cordoba Declaration as circulated to include harassment and incitement to hate crime motivated by sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.**
- **Adopt and use the working definition of hate crimes developed by ODIHR**
- **Encourage all Participating States to include sexual orientation and gender identity in the definition of hate crimes**

- **Develop police training so that no crimes based on homophobic violence go unreported out of subsequent fear**
- **Participate in the pilot training developed by ODIHR for law enforcement on hate crimes**
- **Develop awareness of, and support tolerance in all societies, in particular with regard to social and cultural events by minority groups**
- **We call on states and institutions to support the further development of the recording and monitoring of hate crimes**

**We are ready and available to work with other NGO's building on their experience of documenting, reporting and monitoring of hate crimes.**

**But as with all forms of hate crime and intolerance it can not be left to the NGO's and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community to undertake this task alone. States and institutions must also play their role in a meaningful way.**

**Thank you.**