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An utmost important mission of the OSCE-led activities, in particular those of ODIHR (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights) in the course of preventing crimes on the grounds of intolerance and xenophobia is, in fact, unveiling the ethnic, religious and other patterns of hatred as well as the propaganda of war and violence.

Nowadays there are state-members of OSCE and CoE, where the propaganda of hatred towards any other nation or ethnic group is brought to the state level. This directly touches not only the security of ethnic, religious and other minorities within those countries, but also brings to the worsening of interstate relations of the party concerned. The indifference of OSCE and the civil society of its member-states towards such policies may only contribute to the aggravation of the risks on ethnic, religious and other grounds, linked to xenophobia, as well as risks of resumption of armed hostilities in the areas of frozen or unresolved conflicts, inevitably leading to humanitarian catastrophes and to the destabilization of the situation in whole regions.

With this challenge in mind, within the frameworks of OSCE we call on the establishment of a special monitoring program on mass media, as well as textbooks and teaching manuals at schools and universities in OSCE member risky states. The outcomes of the monitoring activities will give an opportunity to explore and unveil the breaches of obligations, obtained by the member-states of OSCE, as well as CoE and UN. The most mass and grave violations of these obligations on behalf of OSCE member-states may also serve as a basis to apply CoE and UN Security Council sanctions with regards to those states.

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