

## Associazione culturale "Giuseppe Dossetti: i Valori" TUTELA E SVILUPPO DEI DIRITTI

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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 activity on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and the members of other religious communities).

### To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- guarantee freedom of religion or belief according to the existing commitments as fundament of the religious tolerance and non-discrimination.
- pay more attention to the hate crimes against Christians also where they are majority in the questionnaire collecting data from national data collection point.
- give to hate speech against majority religions the same attention given to minority religions.
- protect all religions also the majority ones from prejudices and misrepresentation, particularly in the field of education, culture and information.
- engage in consultations with religious communities respecting their specificity with regard to other social groups and among religious communities taking into account the historical, cultural and numeric relevance of each community (the dialogue should also take place in a bilateral way, with each of the relevant communities, in relation to specific circumstances and subjects).
- 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.
- promote a dialogue between the Muslim representatives and the religious communities present in the places where mosques are to be built in order to foster a climate of mutual tolerance and respect between believers of different communities.
- follow-up the Round Table on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians.



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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 the self-regulation of the media in order to prevent intolerant discourse against religions.
- 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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