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Associazione "Dossetti: i Valori"

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To the OSCE participating States:

Participating States are urged:

- to welcome the concerns of religious communities regarding legal or administrative provisions or the alternative initiatives of those communities;
- to reject the claim that a democratic and pluralistic society should relegate to the realm of private opinion its members' religious beliefs and the moral convictions which derive from faith;
- to fully respect and guarantee the exercise of the right to conscientious objection of those who work in Public Administration;
- while respecting freedom of expression, to adopt practical measures to ban the vilification of religions and of their identity symbols;
- to guarantee that the media and the public discourse are respectful for religions, their teachings and symbols;
- to adopt effective and tailor made commitments, particularly in the next Ministerial Council Decisions, to firmly combat discrimination and intolerance against Christians, especially in the field of education, in the media, in public discourse and in the fight against hate crimes.

To ODIHR:

- ODIHR should continue to monitor and report the recurring episodes of intolerance and discrimination against Christians, not only East by also West of Vienna.

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