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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 the members of other religious communities and against Roma and Sinti.

To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- pay more attention to the hate crimes against Christians also where they are majority in the questionnaire collecting data from national data collection point.
- promote a dialogue between the representatives of the religious community 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.
- foster the participation of Christians in public life and welcome the interventions in the public debate 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.
- follow-up the Cordoba, Bucharest and Astana Conferences by convening in 2012 a Conference at appropriate high-level to examine in a balanced way anti-Semitism as well as intolerance and discrimination against Christians, Muslims and members of others religions, within the realm of existing commitments.

To the OSCE-ODIHR

The OSCE-ODIHR is called upon to:

- 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.