

# OBSERVATORY ON INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN EUROPE

## Working Session 7: Tolerance and Non-Discrimination I

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Recommendations of the Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians

- Recommendations to OSCE and ODIHR
  - Make the situation for Christians in refugee accommodations a priority; conduct research and surveys.
  - Prepare educational materials specifically addressing this problem.
  - Work with NGOs to address this problem.
  
- Recommendations to Participating States:
  - Train and educate police, social welfare office staff, and accommodation security on the topic of religiously-motivated conflict.
  - Educate and inform civil servants about what the Christian faith is, what it means to convert and what kind of consequences this can bring about, both in the event of a return to the home country, but also in Europe.
  - Improve the balance in ethnic/religious composition of refugees, as well as staff, security, and translators in asylum centres, and remove offending staff in incidents of religiously-motivated bias or violence.
  - Provide refugees and asylum seekers more information about religious freedom and freedom of speech, what these rights mean in practice, as well as information on how to report incidents to the police.
  - Permit anonymous reporting of religiously-motivated incidents, protect whistle-blowers, remove perpetrators from accommodations, and deport violent offenders.
  - Move Christians to safe homes as quickly as possible.
  - Support private accommodations for Christians. As a last resort or temporary measure, in the absence of the above-mentioned protections, establish separate accommodations for Christian refugees.

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