

**OSCE Human Dimension Implementation meeting 2012  
Canadian Statement for Working Session 14:**

**Tolerance and non-discrimination II:  
Review of the implementation of commitments on promotion of mutual respect and  
understanding**

**Wednesday, 3 October 2012**

**Recommendations**

- Encourage participating States to combat all forms of discrimination, including on the basis of sexual orientation.
- Call on national authorities to conduct quick and thorough investigation of cases where citizens are victims of hate crimes. Those who commit crimes must be held to account.
- Urge all participating States to take the necessary measures to ensure that sexual orientation never be the basis for criminal penalties, in particular executions, arrests, or detention.
- Recall the political and moral commitment participating States have shared since the adoption of the 1990 Copenhagen Document (5.9), namely that:

*"all persons are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection of the law. In this respect, the law will prohibit any discrimination and guarantee to all persons equal and effective protection against discrimination on any ground"...*