

OSCE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

**WORKING SESSION 10: TOLERANCE AND NON – DISCRIMINATION II
(05.10.2009)**

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE GREEK DELEGATION

Greece unequivocally condemned the arson attempt to a Mosque in the village of Toxotes in Xanthi (Thrace) whereas a police investigation procedure was promptly conducted.

An emphasis should be put on this particular Mosque, which, in the past, was the target of a severe attack, having resulted in its destruction. It was at that time that the Greek state undertook the initiative to completely restore and renovate it.

Notwithstanding such an isolated incident, which, by no means, could mar the long peaceful coexistence of Christians and Muslims in Thrace, Greece, in a broader framework, stands against any act of violence, intolerance and disrespect of religious freedom, whoever be the perpetrator, be it on the majority or the minority segment of a society.