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RECOMMENDATION

The Aromanian Community from Romania – non-governmental organization whose actions aim to preserve and to promote the arman language and traditions and the entire spiritual and cultural arman specificity – is submitting to OSCE this recommandation.

1. Introduction

- We value the OSCE's initiative to offer to the civil society the opportunity to prepare recomendations to be presented on the High Level Conference;
- We are grateful for the OSCE's actions to strenght the dialogue and the co-operation between civil society and States authorities in order to promote mutual respect and understanding;
- We are aware that in a democratic state, civil society play an important role, especially in building an efficient dialogue with the States institutions.

2. Areas of concern:

- We remind the participating States of OSCE of their commitments in the field of human rights protection and the rights of the persons belonging to national minorities, combating the discrimination and intolerance;
- We remind the participating States of their engagement to develop availability and understanding in the dialogue with civil society;

3. Recomendations:

- We recommend the States to create, where is needed/apropriate, a legislativ mechanism that will assure the necessary conditions for

every ethnic group to benefit of the protections measures guaranteed to the persons belonging to national minorities;

- We recommend OSCE to participate and to watch the process of implementation of the legal dispositions that guarantee full and effective equality before the law of all the ethnic groups, in order to prevent one ethnic group's discrimination toward others ethnic groups;
- We recommend the States to intensify their efforts to promote strategies and polities that facilitate non-discrimination and guarantee equal chances for the affirmation of the ethnic identity;
- We recommend the States to strenght the implementation of legal instruments that will assure ethnic groups the participation on the decisions making process in their concerted areas, in order to protect them against discrimination.