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To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- not force children to a compulsory sexual, religious or ethical teaching which may be not consistent with the convictions of the children’s parents, providing for this case non-discriminatory opt-out possibilities.
- guarantee the right to wear religious symbols and attire in public spaces.
- guarantee the conscientious objection not only to the compulsory military service but also in relation to all ethically sensitive questions pertaining family and human life.
- engage in consultations with religious communities in order to adopt anti-discrimination laws which do not violate the autonomy and self-organization of the religious communities.
- adopt practical measures to assure that the media as well as the political and public discourse are respectful for religions, their representatives, teaching and symbols.
- protect all religions – also the majority ones – from prejudices and misrepresentation, particularly in the field of education, culture and information.

To the OSCE/ODIHR and to the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief

The OSCE/ODIHR and to the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief are called upon to:

- assist the participating States in reviewing or drafting legislation pertaining freedom of religion or belief in order to guarantee (a) that the liberty of parents to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions is fully respected and (b) that the participating States provide non-discriminatory opt-out possibilities that would accommodate the wishes of parents.

To the OSCE Representative on the Freedom of the Media

The OSCE Representative on the Freedom of the Media is called upon to:

- provide – in close cooperation with the OSCE-ODIHR and the Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief – guidelines for voluntary professional standards and self-regulation of the media in order to prevent intolerant discourse against religions.