

COMPILATION OF WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS (Covering Working sessions 16-18)

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Thursday, 20 September 2018

Working session 16 (specifically selected topic): Combating racism, xenophobia, intolerance and discrimination

Recommendations to participating States

Holy See

To participating States:

- the Holy See wishes to recall that, in accordance with Ministerial Decision No. 9/09, the National Points of Contact are called upon to collect, maintain and make public disaggregated data on hate crimes perpetrated against members of different religions.

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia

To former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

- Ensure prompt and effective investigation and prosecution of hate crimes;
- Take appropriate measures to facilitate the reporting of hate crimes by victims, including
- measures to build trust in the police and other state institutions;
- Collect and publish comprehensive and comparable data on hate crimes;
- Ensure that victims of hate crime are supported and protected;
- Conduct trainings for relevant practitioners coming into contact with victims of hate
- crime; and
- Enhance preventative measures, inter alia by taking steps to educate the public about
- the values of cultural diversity and inclusion.

Roma Women Network Moldsolidaritate

To participating States:

- A strong network of Romani women from the member states should be created in order to act as a knowledge hub and a platform for sharing best practices, experiences and lessons learnt. Taking into account that each of us is unique and our experience is unique as well, sharing it would create a lot of opportunities to increase our capacities, to provide us new tools for advocacy and for raising our voices and to avoid potential obstacles and mistakes. We have to learn from each other and to borrow the tools and methods for “what works”. This would allow us to develop strong expertise in terms of destroying the existing stereotypes towards Romani

women, especially those ones representing most discriminating groups and facing multiple discrimination. Being aware about the fact that each country has its own specifics as well, we still could adapt the international best practices to the national context. Moreover, bringing international expertise at the local level would empower local Romani women, as they would have the possibility to see that women from other countries have the same struggles, that women from other countries could break through barriers and succeed.

- Undertake continuous and strong advocacy campaigns to debunk myths related to Romani women. Roma communities should build alliances especially with media outlets in order to inform society at large about the existing stereotypes on Roma, with a special focus on Romani women. Media plays an important role in educating people's opinion about various issues. In this sense, in case people would have more opportunities to find out stories about Romani women's life, struggles and especially about the positive examples and role models, the attitude towards Roma in general and Romani women in special will change. More than this, promoting positive examples in media about Romani women leaders will educate society that Romani women could be as effective leaders as men and people would be more open to vote for a Romani woman in a decision-making position
- - Enhance capacities of Romani women on a continuous basis on various topics, such as women's leadership, increasing women's self-confidence, assertiveness, gender equality, and women's role in the society. It is well-known that in order to perform, people need to strengthen their capacities on a regular basis. But tackling such topics as leadership, gender equality and women's rights would allow Romani women not only to be informed, but also will equip them with enough tools to make their voices heard and to fight for their rights. Romani women should be helped to start to believe in themselves, to become more confident and more vocal.
- - Sharing of success stories of Romani women role models. It's very important and extremely effective for other Romani women to get inspired of existing positive examples of other women, who have the same story, but who succeeded to destroy all the obstacles and become effective leaders. Sharing of success stories would not only contribute to encouraging of other Romani women to take the fate in their own hands, but also would allow them to get acknowledged with existing best practices and find out some useful tools, resources and methods to initiate their own life projects.
- Promoting political participation of Romani women at all levels of decision making processes. Strengthening women's participation in politics is extremely important to ensure that interests of each and every person is taken into account. Here I am not saying that men can't ensure that the interests of everyone are transposed into public policies and regulations, or that women are better than men. The idea is that men don't confront with the same life experiences as women. The importance of increasing political representation of all people from under-representing groups would bring us to the situation that life perspectives and needs of everyone would be heard and taken into account when developing a new policy.

Recommendations to the OSCE Institutions

Russian Federation

To OSCE:

- Призываем ОБСЕ дать принципиальную оценку продолжающемуся курсу некоторых государств по обелению нацизма, оправданию преступлений тех, кто повинен в массовых убийствах мирных людей, а также потаканию расизму и ксенофобии.

Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation

- Мы призываем коллег по ОБСЕ предпринять соответствующие меры с целью прекращения порочной практики дискриминации языковых и образовательных прав национальных меньшинств в государствах Балтии и на Украине

International Platform Global Rights of Peaceful People

To ODIHR:

- Рекомендуем БДИПЧ обратить внимание на откровенную ксенофобию украинских властей, выражающуюся в русофобии и потребовать от них прекратить её пропаганду в украинских СМИ.

Roma Women Network Moldsolidaritate

To OSCE:

- OSCE could contribute to enhancing capacities of Romani women on increasing their political participation, like provision of trainings and coaching on running for elections nationally and locally and launching raising awareness campaigns in media about political and civic participation of Romani women.
- In this respect, OSCE could bring a substantial contribution in capacitating Romani women to become financially independent. Financial independence contributes not only to improvement of life conditions, but also helps Romani women to fight with injustice and also to run away from gender- based violence. Thus, OSCE could contribute with enhancing capacities of Romani women on how to run their own business, provision of vocational trainings, but also provision of grants for Romani women to launch a business.

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Recommendations to participating States

Association of Lawyers of Russia

To participating States:

- В целях выполнения рекомендаций ОБСЕ наши государства должны привлекать общественные организации к участию в выполнении обязательств в области человеческого измерения. В свою очередь, гражданские общества стран ОБСЕ должны активно взаимодействовать между собой в сфере защиты прав человека и основных свобод.

Center for Security Policy

- We urge all here present and the nations and groups they represent to pledge our commitment to oppose all efforts, all laws, all systems – especially shariah – that would abridge the natural right of free people to speak their beliefs, convictions, opinions without restriction.

European Center for Artsakh

To participating States:

Unsere Empfehlung und Biete an OSZE-Mitgliedstaaten, vor allem an die Mitglieder der Minsker Gruppe der OSZE:

- In eigenen Ländern die Bühnen für den Dialog zwischen Vertretern der Zivilgesellschaft aus allen Konfliktländern intensiv zu fördern und zu den Diskussionen die politischen Aktivisten aus der betroffenen Region einzuladen. Als Moderatoren können dabei die politischen Stiftungen, Wissenschaft und Expertenkreise des jeweiligen OSZE-Mitgliedstaates auftreten. Als Weitere können im Dialogprozess auch die Vertreter der Legislative – zum Beispiel in Deutschland die Mitglieder der Deutsch – Südkaukasischen Parlamentariergruppe des Deutschen Bundestages – miteinbezogen werden.
- Durch diese regelmäßigen Begegnungen werden die Vertreter der Zivilgesellschaft der betroffenen Länder miteinander direkt reden können, verschiedene Gegenmeinungen hören und sie respektieren lernen. Sie werden vor allem lernen, dass der Mord wegen ethnischer Zugehörigkeit oder die Bedrohung von Gewalt keine Heldentat, sondern eine schwere Straftat ist.

Sea Jay Foundation

To participating States:

- The Sea Jay Foundation recommends that the OSCE participating states re-examine the Commitments that treat xenophobia, intolerance and discrimination as absolutes in light of the understanding that they are not.

Recommendations to the OSCE Institutions

Salut et Misericorde

To OSCE:

- L'association Salut et Miséricorde demande à l'OSCE d'intervenir auprès de M. Erdogan pour qu'il fasse montre de tact et de diplomatie, a défaut de repentance, ii cesse d'entretenir le souvenir de cet épisode barbare ... qui ne laisse rien augurer de bon pour l'avenir de l'Europe.