

**ON BEHALF OF THE TOLERANCE FOUNDATION, MOSCOW AND THE  
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**SUGGESTED MEASURES**

**Anti-Semitism is a complex phenomenon, which has comprised of legal, political, social and psychological aspects. Therefore the approach to fighting Anti-Semitism has to imply joint efforts of government, civil society representatives, educators and legal professionals. At the present moment, the primary efforts should be put into creating a tolerant atmosphere in the society. For example, anti-Semitic statements should receive not only legal punishment, but public reproach. The following measures in the context of the OCSE priorities can be suggested to the Russian Government:**

- **to boost the efforts aimed at combating all types of anti-Semitism, racist and xenophobic conduct**
- **to ensure that Russian officials at all levels publicly condemn all manifestations of anti-Semitism and xenophobia in the territories under their jurisdiction**
- **to increase the number of international and domestic programs targeted at supporting pro-tolerance and civic education in Russia**
- **to prevent omitting by the law enforcement of the racial and anti-Semitic content of hate crimes**
- **the Federal Government and law enforcement bodies should actively suppress anti-Semitic and xenophobic statements of the local authorities in the regions of Russia**