



Intervention on behalf of the Gustav Stresemann Stiftung e.V.

**Reply to the Statement of Adil Akhmetov, the Personal Representative of the  
OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination  
against Muslims**

The honorable Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, Mr. Adil Akhmetov, made the criticism in his statement in Working Session 2 of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2013, that “hate crime” against Muslims is reported less often than against other minorities. In this context, he referred several times to the Federal Republic of Germany.

- 1) The STRESEMANN FOUNDATION takes the strongest possible exception to these charges. The statement can in no way be confirmed by official statistics and/or reliable third-party statistics. Ergo, this is pure speculation.
- 2) To the contrary: In April 2013, the German government announced that hate crimes against Muslims are so rare that not even a separate statistical treatment seems sensible.<sup>1</sup>

**Recommendations**

The STRESEMANN FOUNDATION recommends the OSCE to urge its individual divisions, participating states and NGOs, that statements be supported by (statistical) facts and that speculations (of an ideological nature) be omitted wherever possible.

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