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To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- foster the participation of religious communities in public life and welcome the interventions in the public debate of the religious leaders.
- solicit their political institutions adopting code of conduct or ethics for elected representatives preventing intolerant discourse.
- encourage Internet service providers and social networking services to adopt standard form contracts providing termination clauses and penalties in case of intolerant conducts of people using their services.
- promote a dialogue between the representatives of the religious communities that are building a new place of worship and the religious communities historically present in the places in order to foster a climate of mutual tolerance and respect between believers of different communities.

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 aimed to (i) promote knowledge and understanding of religions, (ii) give a fair and accurate account of religious beliefs, and (iii) ensure that members of religious communities are given the chance to express their own views on the media.