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To the Participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- actively foster a climate of tolerance and mutual understanding in order to prevent prejudice, negative stereotype and misrepresentation, particularly in the field of education, culture and information.
- 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.
- pay more attention to the hate crimes against Christians – also where they are majority – in the questionnaire collecting data from national data collection point.
- foster the participation of religious communities in public life and welcome the interventions in the public debate of the religious leaders.
- 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.
- guarantee the right to wear religious symbols and attire in public spaces.
- 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.
- not force children to a compulsory 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 conscientious objection not only to the compulsory military service but also in relation to all other morally sensitive matters.
- request the assistance of the OSCE/ODIHR in reviewing or drafting legislation pertaining freedom of religion or belief and in order to implement TACHLE Program at national level.

To the OSCE/ODIHR

The OSCE/ODIHR is called upon to:

- train law enforcement agencies, media and civil society to consider carefully also the hate crimes perpetrated against majority groups.
- raise awareness on the positive contribution of the religions to the building and the well-being of our democratic societies.



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- assist – in cooperation with the Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief – 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.

To the Chairman-in-Office

The Chairman-in-Office is urged to:

- appoint a fourth Personal Representative on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against the members of other religious communities and against Roma and Sinti, in order to focus one Personal Representative’s mandate on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians.

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