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COJEP International is glad to make some recommendations from the Civil Society side regarding the session 2 of the Human Dimension sessions of the 2010 Review Conference.

The loss of confidence between law officers and Muslim communities is strengthened by the lack of reporting on segregated specific hate crimes which target this group. Therefore, they stop to complain. This observation leads us to organize a side event this noon on Civil Society and Law Enforcement Agencies as Partners in Fighting against Islamophobic Hate Crimes.

Here are our recommendations:

- Participating States of the OSCE are requested to adopt a specific OSCE Ministerial Decision on measures that must be taken in order to combat intolerance and discrimination against Muslims at the national, regional and international levels.
- We call for the organization of an OSCE High Level Conference on Intolerance against Muslims;
- The upcoming Chairmanship of the OSCE is asked to organize a Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Religious Symbols.
- The intolerance must be treated in terms of threats of Human Rights which is tinged with a strong relationship with racism and xenophobia in Europe.
- We appreciate and support the actions of the OSCE / ODIHR about hate crimes even if the subject goes far beyond this specific context.
- Special representatives should be more active, especially M. Mario Mauro who has to be even more vigilant about racism and xenophobia.
- The visits of special representatives in some countries must move beyond hate crimes and also to consider the discriminations, intolerances and racism.
- The OSCE should monitor and develop its plans in relation of current developments of intolerance and discrimination.

In the end, it is today vital to have a consensus on the definition of Islamophobia and Christianophobia. We worked on the first issue and our proposal is on annex. This proposal is supported by many NGO's. This definition has objective to have a more effective implementation of international commitments in this field. We hope to have the adhesion of intergovernmental organizations and participating states to this definition and we thank them in advance.

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