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Recommendations of the Council of Europe

Working session 16 and 17 (specifically selected topic): Promotion of tolerance, non-discrimination and mutual respect and understanding: The implementation of OSCE commitments

The Council of Europe is deeply committed to close co-operation with the OSCE in the field of Tolerance and Non-discrimination, and presents the following specific recommendations in this respect:

1. Member States of the Council of Europe are encouraged to sign and ratify Protocol N° 12 to the European Convention on Human Rights.
2. OSCE participating States are encouraged to sign and ratify the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime, on the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems.
3. OSCE participating States are encouraged to enact legislation against racism and racial discrimination, if such legislation does not already exist or is incomplete and to ensure that the key components set out in ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No7 are provided in such legislation.
4. Member States of the Council of Europe are encouraged to implement ECRI's recommendations contained in its country-specific monitoring reports as well as ECRI's General Policy Recommendations.

OSCE institutions are encouraged to continue their co-operation in the fight against racism, racial discrimination and all forms of intolerance with the Council of Europe by further strengthening mechanisms enabling the free flow of and exchange of information and data.