



HOLY SEE

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**Follow-up to the 2009 SDIM on Hate Crimes—
Effective Implementation of Legislation**
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The Holy See recommends that:

- 1) Participating States and OSCE institutions collaborate in addressing the factors associated with the economic crisis that have exacerbated the incidents of bias/hate motivated crime in the OSCE region.
- 2) Participating States and OSCE institutions re-focus their energies to addressing the agreed commitments enumerated by the OSCE Ministerial Decisions.
- 3) Participating States address the need for more precise and professional standards of police procedure regarding the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.
- 4) Participating States should take greater care to ensure the proper balance between the freedom of expression and the prosecution of hate crimes.
- 5) Participating States and OSCE institutions should collect data and devote specific attention to hate crimes perpetrated against Christians, encourage the media not to spread prejudices against Christians, and further develop the TANDIS with more comprehensive information about incidents of intolerance, discrimination and hate against Christians.