

OBSERVATORY ON INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN EUROPE

OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

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Fundamental freedoms II, including Freedom of assembly and association; National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights; Human rights education.

The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians monitors and documents such cases in Europe. Please find our research on www.IntoleranceAgainstChristians.eu

In the public square we often see that the human rights claimed by one group may conflict with the human rights of another. Often, these conflicts are not yet resolved academically and the approaches taken to solve them are political.

For that reason, we recommend to OSCE and the participating states to ensure that the composition of national human rights bodies is balanced with regard to political affiliation and views, and that the members are not or were not attached to radical advocacy groups.

National Human Rights Bodies do not have democratic legitimisation – they should not have judicial or legislative powers but have only an advisory function.

Thank you for your attention,

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