



United States Mission to the OSCE

Right of Reply – Working Session 10 Tolerance and Non-Discrimination I: Combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination

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If a government has law enforcement concerns about a participant, HDIM is not the appropriate forum to deal with it. There are inter-governmental tools for law enforcement cooperation.

Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan: we want your participation. Walking out robs the rest of us of your government's perspective. It is not an effective way to respond to critics.

We reiterate our condemnation of threats and harassment against human rights defenders.

Finally, South Ossetia remains part of the internationally recognized territory of Georgia, and Crimea that of Ukraine.