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To the participating States

Participating States are urged to:

- follow-up the Cordoba, Bucharest and Astana Conferences by convening a Conference at the appropriate high-level in 2013 to examine in a balanced way racism, intolerance and discrimination, within the realm of all existing commitments.
- actively foster a climate of tolerance and mutual understanding in order to prevent prejudice, negative stereotype and misrepresentation, particularly in the field of education, culture and information.
- pay more attention to the hate crimes against Christians – also where they are majority – in the questionnaire collecting data from national data collection point.
- foster the participation of religious communities in public life and welcome the interventions in the public debate of the religious leaders.
- promote a dialogue between the representatives of the religious communities that are building a new place of worship and the religious communities historically present in the places in order to foster a climate of mutual tolerance and respect between believers of different communities.

To OSCE Institutions

The ODIHR is called upon to

- develop – in close cooperation with the Representative on the Freedom of the Media – tools for media professionals to combat racism, intolerance and discrimination. These tools can include guidelines for voluntary professional standards and self-regulation of the media.
- train law enforcement agencies, media and civil society to consider carefully also the hate crimes perpetrated against majority groups.
- raise awareness on the positive contribution of the religions to the building and the well-being of our democratic societies.

To the Chairman-in-Office

The Chairman-in-Office is urged to:

- appoint a fourth Personal Representative on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against the members of other religious communities and against Roma and Sinti, in order to focus one Personal Representative’s mandate on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians.