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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM

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Supplementary Item

Resolution on Combating Anti-Semitism

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1. Calling attention to the resolutions on anti-Semitism adopted unanimously by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly at its annual sessions in Berlin in 2002, Rotterdam in 2003, Edinburgh in 2004 and Washington in 2005,
2. Intending to raise awareness of the need to combat anti-Semitism, intolerance and discrimination against Muslims, as well as racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focussing on the intolerance and discrimination faced by Christians and members of other religions and minorities in different societies,

The Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE:

3. Reminds its participating States of the definition of anti-Semitism which forms the basis for the work of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR):

"Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities";
4. Urges its participating States to encourage ODIHR to work towards a definition of other forms of discrimination;
5. Urges its participating States to establish a legal framework for targeted measures to combat the dissemination of racist and anti-Semitic material via the Internet;
6. Urges its participating States to intensify their efforts to promote the integration of migrants;
7. Urges its participating States to present written reports, at the 2007 annual session, on their activities to combat anti-Semitism, racism and discrimination against Muslims;
8. Urges its participating States in advance of the OSCE Ministerial Council in Brussels, to hold a conference to review all the decisions adopted at the OSCE conferences (Vienna, Brussels, Berlin, Cordoba, Washington), for which commitments were undertaken by the Member States, with a request for proposals on improving implementation;
9. Urges its participating States to provide regular information to the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) on the status of implementation of the commitments made at the OSCE conferences (Vienna, Brussels, Berlin, Cordoba, Washington);

10. Urges its participating States to develop proposals for national action plans to combat anti-Semitism, racism and discrimination against Muslims;
11. Urges its participating States to raise awareness of the need to protect Jewish institutions and other minority institutions in the various societies;
12. Urges its participating States to appoint ombudspersons or special commissioners to present and promote national guidelines on educational work to promote tolerance and combat anti-Semitism, including Holocaust education;
13. Underlines the need for broad public support and promotion of, and cooperation with, civil society representatives involved in the collection, analysis and publication of data on anti-Semitism and racism and related violence;
14. Requests its participating States to position itself against all current forms of anti-Semitism wherever they encounter it;
15. Resolves to involve other inter-parliamentary organizations such as the IPU, the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE), the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in its efforts to implement the above demands.

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

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