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ON

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM, ESPECIALLY ITS MANIFESTATIONS IN THE MEDIA AND IN ACADEMIA

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1. Recalling the Parliamentary Assembly's leadership in raising the focus and attention of the participating States since the 2002 Annual Session in Berlin on issues related to manifestations of anti-Semitism,
2. Reaffirming especially the 2002 Porto Ministerial Decision condemning "anti-Semitic incidents in the OSCE area, recognizing the role that the existence of anti-Semitism has played throughout history as a major threat to freedom",
3. Referring to the commitments made by the participating States in the previous OSCE conferences in Vienna (2003), Berlin (2004), Brussels (2004) and Cordoba (2005) regarding legal, political and educational efforts to fight anti-Semitism,
4. Welcoming all efforts of the parliaments of the OSCE member states on combating anti-Semitism, especially the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry on Antisemitism in the United Kingdom,
5. Noting with satisfaction all initiatives of organisations of the civil societies which are active in the field of combating anti-Semitism,
6. Acknowledging that incidents of anti-Semitism occur throughout the OSCE region and are not unique to any one country, which necessitates unwavering steadfastness by all participating States to erase this black mark on human history,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

7. Appreciates the ongoing work undertaken by the OSCE and ODIHR through its Programme on Tolerance and Non-discrimination and supports the continued organisation of expert meetings on anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance aimed at enhancing the implementation of relevant OSCE commitments;
8. Appreciates the initiative by John Mann MP to create a world-wide Inter-Parliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism and encourages the parliaments of the OSCE member states to support this initiative;
9. Urges participating States to present written reports on their activities to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination at the 2009 Annual Session;
10. Reminds participating States to improve methods of monitoring and to report anti-Semitic incidents and other hate crimes to the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in a timely manner;
11. Recognizes the importance of OSCE/ODIHR Law Enforcement Officers Programme (LEOP) in helping police forces within participating States better to identify and combat incitement to anti-Semitism and other hate crimes and recommends that other states make use of it;

12. Urges governments to create and employ curricula that go beyond Holocaust education in dealing with Jewish life, history and culture;
13. Condemns continued incidents of anti-Semitic stereotypes appearing in the media, including news reports, news commentaries as well as published commentaries by readers;
14. Condemns the use of double standards in media coverage of Israel and its role in the Middle East conflict;
15. Calls upon the media to have discussions on the impact of language and imagery on Judaism, anti-Zionism and Israel and its consequences on the interaction between communities in the OSCE member states;
16. Deplores the continued dissemination of anti-Semitic content via the Internet, including through websites, blogs and email;
17. Urges participating States to increase their efforts to counter the spread of anti-Semitic content, including the dissemination through the Internet, within the framework of their respective national legislation;
18. Urges editors to refrain from publishing anti-Semitic material and to develop a self-regulated code of ethics for dealing with anti-Semitism in media;
19. Calls upon participating States to prevent the distribution of television programs and other media which promote anti-Semitic views and incite anti-Semitic crimes, including, but not limited to, satellite broadcasting;
20. Reminds participating States of measures to combat the dissemination of racist and anti-Semitic material via the Internet suggested at the 2004 OSCE Meeting on the Relationship between Racist, Xenophobic and Anti-Semitic Propaganda on the Internet and Hate Crimes, that include calls to:
 - pursue complementary parallel strategies,
 - train investigators and prosecutors on how to address bias-motivated crimes on the Internet,
 - support the establishment of programmes to educate children about bias-motivated expression they may encounter on the Internet,
 - promote industry codes of conduct,
 - gather data on the full extent of the distribution of anti-Semitic hate messages on the Internet
21. Deplores the continued intellectualization of anti-Semitism in academic spheres, particularly through publications and public events at universities;
22. Suggests the preparation of standards and guidelines on academic responsibility to ensure the protection of Jewish and other minority students from harassment, discrimination and abuse in the academic environment;
23. Urges all participants of the upcoming Durban Review Conference in Geneva to make sure that pressing issues of racism around the world will be properly assessed and that the conference will not be misused as a platform for promoting anti-Semitism;

24. Suggests that the delegations of the OSCE participating States hold a meeting on the eve of the Durban Review Conference to discuss and evaluate the Durban Review process.

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