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# **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**ON**

**“COMBATING INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION  
AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN THE OSCE AREA”**

**Principal Sponsor  
Ms. Walburga Habsburg Douglas  
Sweden**

**BELGRADE, 6 JULY TO 10 JULY 2011**

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

### Combating Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians in the OSCE Area

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1. Recognising that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law is at the core of the OSCE comprehensive concept of security,
2. Reaffirming that acts of intolerance and discrimination pose a threat to democracy and, therefore, to overall security in the OSCE region and beyond,
3. Recalling that participating States have committed themselves to ensure human rights and fundamental freedoms to everyone within their territory and subject to their jurisdiction and will therefore provide to all persons equal and effective protection of law,
4. Reaffirming the inviolable right of the individual to profess his or her faith alone or in community, in private and in public life and to live freely according to the dictate of his or her conscience,
5. Acknowledging the positive contribution of Christians to social cohesion, cultural enrichment and value orientated debate in our societies,
6. Welcoming the work done in this field by ODIHR,
7. Welcoming the efforts of the Personal Representative of the Chairmanship in Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of other Religions in rising awareness of this urgent challenge,
8. Condemning the problem in its different features, both in the eastern and western countries of the OSCE,

The Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE:

9. Decides to follow up the work started in 2009 at the Expert Roundtable on Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians held in Vienna on March 4, 2009;
10. Decides to intensify efforts to monitor, research and publicize the need to fight against intolerance and discrimination throughout the OSCE area, which includes efforts in the fields of, *inter alia*, education, media, legislation, law enforcement, and hate crime; and to work closely with representatives of Christian churches;
11. Decides to intensify consultation and co-operation with the Personal Representative of the Chairman in Office on national and international level;
12. Recommends to initiate a public debate on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and ensure the right of Christians to participate fully in public life;

13. Recommends to assess legislation in the participating States in view of discrimination and intolerance against Christians including labour law, equality law, freedom of expression and assembly, laws related to religious communities, and right of conscientious objections;
14. Encourages the media not to spread prejudices against Christians and to combat negative stereotyping;
15. Encourages Christian churches to continue their participation in public life contributing to defend the dignity of all human beings and to ensure freedom and social cohesion.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION**

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