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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

**“STRENGTHENING EFFORTS TO COMBAT RACISM,
XENOPHOBIA, AND FOSTER INCLUSION”**

**Principal Sponsor
Ms. Kathleen Ferrier
Netherlands**

BELGRADE, 6 JULY TO 10 JULY 2011

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Strengthening Efforts To Combat Racism, Xenophobia, And Foster Inclusion

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1. In recognizing 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent, we remain committed to respect for “human rights and fundamental freedoms (...) for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion” as enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act,
2. Recalling subsequent OSCE commitments to foster equality and combat racism and xenophobia that also include a gender perspective,
3. Expressing extreme concern over increased discrimination and violence towards both citizens and migrants with different racial, ethnic, linguistic, and religious backgrounds in the OSCE region, despite participating States’ efforts to address the problem,
4. Noting that skin color prejudice or racial bias has been central to many manifestations of intolerance in the region, with persons who are easily identifiable or “visible due to darker-skin color or other distinguishing features, experiencing heightened levels of discrimination, including by law enforcement,
5. Remaining concerned that discrimination and intolerance are among factors that provoke conflicts, undermine security and stability, and harm the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the OSCE region,
6. Recognizes that a comprehensive strategy to address racism and xenophobia and foster inclusion in the OSCE region is needed,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

7. Reaffirms our role as parliamentarians to publicly speak out against intolerance and discrimination, raise awareness of the value of diversity, and support inclusive measures in our political parties and government such as the annual Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference spearheaded by members of the OSCE PA;
8. Calls on participating States to implement OSCE commitments to combat intolerance and discrimination that also include a gender perspective, especially MC. Dec. 9/09 on combating hate crimes;
9. Requests increased support for ODIHR’s Tolerance and Non-discrimination Department’s Racism and Xenophobia program, including outreach to vulnerable communities, trainings, educational materials, and capacity building for government institutions, equality bodies, parliaments, the private sector, and civil society;

10. Requests the CiO's Personal Representative on Racism and Xenophobia prepare and present to the OSCE PA a special report on racism and xenophobia that includes consultations with affected communities across the OSCE region including in western Europe and North America;
11. Commends the High Commissioner on National Minorities' ongoing work on multi-ethnic societies and integration and encourages continued cooperation with the OSCE PA;
12. Calls on the OSCE to work with the OSCE PA and affected communities to develop an action plan by 2013 to combat racism and xenophobia and foster inclusion across the OSCE region in concert with the OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma;
13. Acknowledges the United Nations designation of 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent, and the need to include African descendant communities in these and future efforts to address racism, xenophobia, and inclusion in the OSCE region in addition to other affected communities.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

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