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**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**  
**AT THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION**  
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- Participating States should strongly condemn the persistence and resurgence of racism, xenophobia, chauvinism, aggressive nationalism and directly linked to them extremism, aggressive separatism and terrorism based on national or racial prejudice and state that these phenomena, in all their forms and manifestations, can never be justified in any instance and any circumstances;
- Participating states should underline with alarm severe challenges, which racism, xenophobia, chauvinism, aggressive nationalism and directly linked to them extremism, aggressive separatism and terrorism pose to democracy, human rights, rule of law, stability of legitimately constituted government, integrity of civil society and its economic and cultural development;
- States should be urged to undertake all necessary measures to eliminate any possibility for creation and activities on their territories of organizations and groups as well as activities of individuals aimed against political independence, territorial integrity of a sovereign State or at aggravation of interethnic relations;
- Participating States should condemn incitement to ethnic and religious hatred and violence;
- The Participating States should confirm that rights and freedoms of persons belonging to national minorities constitute an integral part of human rights and fundamental freedoms. A State on whose territory national minority exists shall respect the rights of persons belonging to such minority to equality before the law, afford them full opportunity for the actual enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and in

this manner protect their legitimate interests in this sphere. In the exercise of their rights and freedoms persons belonging to national minorities shall respect the legislation of the State they reside in and respect the rights of others, including the rights of majority of the population. This fundamental principle was unreservedly reflected in the OSCE Istanbul Summit Charter, that inter alia state that "Full respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities, besides being an end in itself, may not undermine, but strengthen territorial integrity and sovereignty".

- It should be stressed that the compliance of minorities with their commitments before the State of their settlement as well as respect on the side of that State for their rights is an important factor of peace, security, stability and democracy.
- Restoration of the rights of persons affected by manifestations of racism, xenophobia, chauvinism, aggressive nationalism and directly linked to them extremism, aggressive separatism and terrorism being in itself a matter of direct concern for the whole OSCE community, should be properly addressed at the political level in the OSCE and prioritized in its agenda.
- The Participating States should prevent propagation in education programs of ideas based on racial or national prejudice, hatred and discrimination.
- Violent or any other forced religious and cultural assimilation is inadmissible and all States should promote conditions in which all members of diverse multiethnic and multicultural societies can express their cultural identity and manifest their religious beliefs, subject only to such strict limitations as are prescribed by the international law.
- All States should promote careful preservation of cultural and religious monuments and punish those responsible for acts of intolerance aimed at the destruction of properties of cultural and religious heritage.
- The Participating States should underline that the inter-religious and intercultural dialogue remains essential within the OSCE region and should be devoted to establishment of trust and consolidation of the fight against extremism and intolerance.