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**SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING
ON
HATE CRIMES –
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION**

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Please find attached the recommendations by the Cojep International.



Recommendations for

SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON HATE CRIMES – EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION 4 - 5 May 2009 Hofburg, Vienna

COJEP International with the support of its network in the Balkans has as a mission to provide strong support in the implementation of laws to protect all citizens from crimes and hate speech. We call for greater vigilance civil and political institutions in particular during the election period where an upsurge of hatred is observed in most European countries.

Therefore, our organization calls the personal representatives of the Chairman in Office of OSCE in order to be active on the subjects which they are directly attached. In this context, we invite the Personal Representative on Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims appointed this year to give us a roadmap on hate crimes. Indeed, we observe an increase in several years of anti-Muslim acts in the territory of the OSCE and a slowdown in activities in this area would be an inexcusable mistake.

For this reason, Laws against discrimination must include anti-Semitic, Anti-Muslim and other religious hatred, and also hatred against people with different sexual orientation.

The latest report of the Fundamental Rights Agency on Tolerance and Discrimination describes the state of updated situation about Europe. We invite the ODIHR to scrutinize in order to benefit its work. In addition, increased collaboration in Europe with the various intergovernmental actors has become indispensable today to optimize efforts in the same direction.

Finally, our organization decided to put up with the support of ODIHR a training to be held after the meetings of the HDIM on hate crimes in Skopje, which will support the project of Monitoring Centre on hate crimes on the countries of the former Yugoslavia and Albania to participate in the normalization of relations in this region of Europe. To do this, we call for support of the countries concerned as well as France, Greece and Turkey.

In conclusion, we see a serious setback on the ODIHR funds to support training activities, monitoring and support to civil society without which the struggle would be unequal to counter the illnesses of our societies. The States should be remain vigilant and continue their joint struggle against xenophobia, racism and acts of hatred. We thank all those who continue their efforts such as USA, France and Turkey.

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