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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

"A CALL FOR OSCE ACTION TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION"

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- 1. <u>Expressing</u> alarm over heightened incidents of violence and discrimination and increased prejudice in the OSCE region, and calling for immediate action,
- 2. <u>Emphasizing</u> that the OSCE participating States have adopted a comprehensive framework to prevent and respond to prejudice and discrimination, which includes commitments in the fields of, *inter alia*, tolerance and non-discrimination, religious freedom, migration, national minorities, and rule of law and democratic institutions, in addition to others.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

- 3. <u>Supports</u> the ongoing efforts of the Assembly to address anti-Semitism, racism, and intolerance in the OSCE region;
- 4. <u>Pledges</u> to intensify efforts, including supporting capacity-building efforts for political and other leaders to address intolerance and discrimination;
- 5. <u>Encourages</u> the participating States to intensify efforts to address prejudice, and discrimination, and foster inclusion;
- 6. <u>Urges</u> that the participating States develop an OSCE Anti-Discrimination Action Plan, with annual indicators to implement existing OSCE tolerance and non-discrimination commitments;
- 7. <u>Calls upon</u> the participating States to convene an OSCE High-Level Conference on Combating Racism and Xenophobia to address, *inter alia*, 1) strengthening cooperation between law enforcement and vulnerable communities, and 2) anti-migrant/refugee bias;
- 8. Recommends that the participating States support OSCE initiatives, including but not limited to:
 - Sustaining the new ODIHR "Turning words into action to address anti-Semitism" project focused on addressing the security needs of Jewish communities, countering anti-Semitism through education and fostering civil society coalition building;
 - publishing an ODIHR report on prejudice and discrimination in the region that includes recommendations to the participating States, and updating the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) 2004 Comparative Study on International Action against Racism, Xenophobia, Anti-Semitism and Intolerance in the OSCE Region;

- establishing an OSCE Fellowship Program to introduce diverse talent to positions in the OSCE Offices of the Chair-in-Office, Secretary General, Secretariat, ODIHR, High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM), and Field Missions;
- enhancing cooperation between the Office of the Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, participating States, and other stakeholders on antidiscrimination and inclusion strategies for migrants and asylees, including utilizing the OSCE 2011 Training Modules on Labour Migration Management Trainer's Manual;
- building the capacity of police and other law enforcement and security professionals to counter discrimination (including profiling), strengthen relationships with vulnerable communities, and foster diverse and inclusive workforces, including enhancing ongoing efforts by the Roma Contact Point and Police Matters Unit;
- developing integration strategies, including utilizing the work of the HCNM and "The Ljubljana Guidelines on Integration of Diverse Societies";
- building support for and capacity of civil society efforts, including coalition building, to address prejudice and discrimination, noting the November 2015 OSCE Conference on Advancing Tolerance and Non-Discrimination through Coalition Building; and
- building the capacity of Equality, Education, and Cultural Ministries and other relevant bodies to prevent and respond to prejudice and discrimination in the public and private sector, including schools.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

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