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### **“ADDRESSING THE RISE IN HATE, INTOLERANCE, VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION ACROSS THE OSCE REGION”**

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1. Alarmed by the recent escalation of anti-Semitic incidents, attacks on persons of Asian descent, anti-Muslim incidents, and systemic racism impacting people of African descent and others along with the rise of conspiracy theories targeting various vulnerable communities throughout the OSCE region during the pandemic,
2. Expressing the urgent need for immediate action to thwart a continued rise in hate-motivated violence, discrimination, and prejudice across the OSCE region, including through the adoption of an Action Plan to address its root causes,
3. Emphasizing that the OSCE participating States have adopted numerous commitments to prevent and respond to prejudice, discrimination, and extremism, including commitments in the fields of, *inter alia*, tolerance and non-discrimination, freedom of religion or belief, national minorities, Roma and Sinti, migrants, gender, youth, and the rule of law,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

4. Condemns manifestations of hatred and intolerance that have recently taken place in the participating States;
5. Pledges to intensify ongoing efforts of the Assembly to address racism and intolerance in the OSCE region, including supporting capacity-building efforts for political and other leaders to address intolerance and discrimination, and foster equity and inclusion;
6. Urges the participating States to immediately adopt an OSCE Anti-Discrimination, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan, that includes but is not limited to:
  - Building the capacity of law enforcement, including police, to counter discrimination (including profiling) and violent extremism, strengthen relationships with vulnerable communities, and foster diverse and inclusive workforces;
  - Building the capacity of the OSCE and governments to prevent and respond to prejudice and discrimination in the public and private sector, including by addressing institutionalized racism, the continuing impact of historical injustices on vulnerable populations, and implementing equity and inclusion strategies, including utilizing the work of the High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM) and the *Ljubljana Guidelines on Integration of Diverse Societies*, and increasing diversity in the OSCE Offices of the Chair-in-Office, Secretary General, Secretariat, ODIHR, HCNM, and Field Missions;
  - Supporting civil society efforts to address prejudice, discrimination, and extremism, and foster equity and inclusion, including sustaining the 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 against all forms of bias and discrimination.