

**OSCE Meeting on the Relationship between Racist, Xenophobic and Anti-Semitic
Propaganda on the Internet and Hate Crimes, Paris, 16 – 17 June 2004**

Opening Session

**RESOLUTION ON THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM, ANTISEMITISM
AND XENOPHOBIA**

Presented by the french delegation to PA-OSCE

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1. Recalling the Resolution on anti-Semitic violence within the OSCE adopted at the annual session of the Assembly held in Berlin in 2002, as well as the Resolution on anti-Semitic violence within the OSCE adopted in the annual session of the Assembly held in Rotterdam in 2003,
2. Pleased that the OSCE has taken a firm stand against racism, anti-Semitism and specifically that it has organised three conferences on this theme during the year 2004,
3. Recalling notably article 11 of the Resolution adopted in Rotterdam inviting the OSCE member states « *to ensure that local and national authorities effectively enforce the law against criminal acts arising from anti-Semitism, xenophobia or racial or ethnic hatred, whether directed at individuals, communities or property, notably by investigating such acts and undertaking proper legal action*»,
4. Considering that effective enforcement of the legislation requires the coordinated action of all the member states and non governmental organisations involved in this cause,

The parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE

5. Invite each OSCE member state to set up an appropriate body in order to implement the commitments made at Maastricht and Berlin concerning the issue of the fight against racism and anti-Semitism,
6. Suggest that such body should be responsible for:
 - Co-ordination of competent administrations,

- Monitoring of racist and anti-Semitic incidents, specifically through the establishment of statistics,
- Monitoring of legal actions undertaken against perpetrators of racist and anti-Semitic acts,
- Proposing to the government measures for the protection of places of worship and community gathering places,
- Proposing measures to the government that promote tolerance in the schools and the media,
- Maintaining a dialogue with community organisations affected by anti-Semitism and racism in order to assess related incidents with them and study countermeasures that seem useful to them,
- Ensuring the liaison with the ODIHR in order to achieve the tasks with which it was entrusted by the Maastricht Council of Ministers and the Berlin conference,

7. Invite each OSCE member state to also set up a body enabling dialogue between the competent administrations, concerned non governmental organisations and Internet experts in order to:

- Gather data on the full extent of the distribution of racist and anti-Semitic hate messages on the Internet,
- Debate possible measures to take to promote tolerance on the Internet while defending the principle of freedom of expression.

8. Propose that a delegation of the parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE present this resolution to the OSCE Conference in Brussels of the 13 and 14 September 2004.