## OSCE High Level Conference on Combating Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding

 Recommendations submitted on behalf of ACCEPT Romania, Center for Legal Resources, Metropolitan Community Churches to be presented at the opening of the conference-

## The participating States are called to:

- Acknowledge the worrying increase of racist, xenophobic and discriminatory public discourse, especially during electoral campaigns, and call for a monitoring of the implementation of hate speech provisions in the context of political representatives and public officials;
- Assert that violent manifestations of extremism and discriminatory and intolerant conduct cannot be protected under the shield of human rights, particularly in the case of acts of discrimination and intolerance triggered by religious biases disguised under the protection of religious freedom;
- Encourage participating States to look at discrimination as a complex phenomenon and raise awareness of the value of human dignity irrespective of the attributes defining any human being;

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Encourage the participating States to prevent religious discrimination and intolerance by establishing fair and clear standards of recognition for religious groups, religious associations and religious denominations, in observance of freedom of assembly, freedom of expression and religious freedom."

Participating States should follow up the implementation of legislation sanctioning discrimination and hate crimes by training all responsible authorities (police, prosecutors, judges, national anti-discrimination bodies) to identify, respond to and sanction bias-motivated crimes;