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DECISION No. 11/05
PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION
AND TRAINING IN THE OSCE AREA

The Ministerial Council,

Reaffirming the commitments of the participating States in the field of human rights education and training, in particular the commitments deriving from the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, the 1990 Copenhagen Document, the 1991 Moscow Document, the 1999 Charter for European Security, the 2003 OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century and all other relevant OSCE agreed documents and decisions,

Recognizing that the promotion of human rights through education and training in the whole OSCE area could be viewed in the context of the OSCE's comprehensive concept of security and is vital for the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as for the promotion of tolerance and non-discrimination,

Acknowledging the added value of multifaceted co-operation, including consultation, co-operation and co-ordination with relevant international and regional organizations, as well as the benefits that countries can derive from each other's experiences and capabilities in the field of human rights education and training,

Taking into account the efforts of other international organizations, including the UN's World Programme for Human Rights Education, the Council of Europe's Programme on Education for Democratic Citizenship as well as its youth programme All Different, All Equal, and the EU's European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights, as well as programmes undertaken at the national level,

Recognizing the contribution of the ODIHR and other OSCE structures, institutions and field operations, in promoting human rights education and training, in co-operation with participating States,

Dedicated to further strengthening the efforts by the OSCE to promote human rights education and training programmes in the OSCE area, as well as to extend the Organization's support to participating States upon their request in carrying out their respective national programmes in the field of human rights education,

Invites participating States with the involvement of civil society to further enhance systematic human rights education and training programmes designed to promote respect for the inherent dignity of all human beings, and to make human rights a reality for each person in every community and in society at large;

Decides to enhance the OSCE's efforts in co-operation with other international organizations and non-governmental organizations in taking necessary measures aimed at promoting human rights education and training, with special emphasis on the young people in the OSCE area;

Tasks the ODIHR, drawing on the relevant expertise and experience acquired by the OSCE structures, institutions and field operations, as well as the OSCE participating States:

- To produce a compendium of best practices for participating States on enhancing the promotion of human rights education and training, including the promotion of tolerance, mutual respect and understanding, and non-discrimination in the OSCE area.