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CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF PRACTICES AND INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION THAT AIM TO COMBAT INTOLERANCE AGAINST MUSLIMS IN THE OSCE REGION

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) together with the Association of Muslim Social Scientists in the UK (AMSS UK) and the International Association for Intercultural Education (IAIE), intends to publish a directory containing examples of practices and initiatives in education that aim to combat intolerance against Muslims¹. You are invited to submit examples from your own country for inclusion in this directory. This project seeks to support the participation of the OSCE participating States in fulfilling their commitments to confront all forms of intolerance in the OSCE region and disseminate lessons learned in this field. It also builds on the Compendium of Good Practice in Human Rights Education, a joint effort by the OSCE, together with UNESCO, the Council of Europe, and the UNHCHR.

Submissions need to relate to the primary and secondary level schooling sectors, in addition to teacher training institutions. They can range from policy measures to concrete programs being implemented in schools or classrooms. The practices and initiatives selected for inclusion will appear in a directory, which will serve as the starting point for various discussions about the implementation of such practices and initiatives in OSCE participating States.

A 'practice or initiative' denotes a strategy relating to teaching and learning of knowledge, attitudes, values and competencies that challenge stereotypes, prejudice and discriminatory treatment of Muslims. Submissions that have a general anti-bias or anti-racist focus can only be considered if significant attention is devoted to intolerance against Muslims. Practices and initiatives might be demonstrated through a learning activity, a methodological tool, an audio-visual resource or a documented program design intended for the formal education sector.

We encourage submissions from inter-governmental organizations (IGOs), governments, local authorities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and practitioners at all levels of education.

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During the first phase of the project, submissions should be in English, though original materials can be in any language. Information about submission of practices and initiatives can be found on the ODIHR's TANDIS website (<http://tandis.odihr.pl/?p=edu.mus>).

Deadline for submissions is **May 15, 2009**.

Materials selected for inclusion will be distributed widely for public use, both electronically and in hard copy, thus providing high visibility for submitted and accepted practices and initiatives.

¹ Also sometimes known as Islamophobia or anti-Muslim racism