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Recommendation to

THE OSCE 2008 MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON THE OSCE APPROACH TO REGIONAL SECURITY — A MODEL FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

Whereas the right to live in peace is a fundamental right of the whole of mankind,

Whereas "OSCE states have stressed that issues relating to human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law are of international concern, as respect for these rights and freedoms constitutes one of the foundations of the international order", (http://www.osce.org/odihr/13494.html

Whereas security in Europe is inseparable from that of the Mediterranean,

The European Humanist Federation recommends that:

• Governments abide by the international laws that govern peaceful coexistence as well as by all other international instruments conducive to reducing violence, inequality and discriminations in the region,

• Governments guarantee the full implementation of the rule of law and respect for the human rights of their people,

• Civil society associations on both sides of the Mediterranean cooperate in raising the awareness of their governments of the need to foster the protection of human rights of populations that live in areas of strife.