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人权理事会  
第十一届会议  
议程项目 9

种族主义、种族歧视、仇外心理和相关的不容忍现象：  
《德班宣言和行动纲领》的后续行动和执行情况

2009年6月17日希腊常驻代表团致联合国  
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希腊常驻联合国日内瓦办事处及瑞士其他国际组织代表团向联合国人权事务高级专员办事处致意，并谨此提交希腊政府关于具有特别咨商地位的一个非政府组织“欧洲西色雷斯土耳其人联合会”提交的书面发言(A/HRC/11/NGO/25)的评论，该书面发言是在议程项目 9 下提交人权理事会第十一届会议的。

希腊常驻代表团请高级专员办事处将所附文件作为第十一届会议的文件分发。

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**ANNEX**  
**MUSLIM MINORITY IN THRACE, GREECE**

In general terms, it is a fact that, based on the principle of equality before the law and of civil rights, as well as in the framework of the rule of law, guaranteed by the Greek Constitution, the members of the Muslim minority in Thrace, Greece, enjoy the same rights and obligations as any other Greek citizen, irrespective of his or her religious beliefs.

It is beyond doubt that the region of Thrace in Greece has long been a place of harmonious coexistence between Christians and Muslims, even before the terms “xenophobia” and / or “islamophobia” – “christianophobia” were brought to the agenda of the international community.

Furthermore, Thrace is a place where human rights and freedom of religion of the Muslim minority are fully respected.

Fringe electronic or written media comments and one isolated incident of verbal violence - which has never been reported by the minority press or denounced to the authorities- cannot constitute a hate crime whatsoever; nor can they be the basis for any claims that a racist, hostile to the Muslim minority, environment exists in Greece.

The Government of Greece rejects any allegations of hate speech in the media.

On the contrary, one could not turn a blind eye to hate biased speeches delivered by few – but influential- Muslim religious leaders in Thrace, which insult the Christian majority.

The few provocative statements by a specific NGO should leave the vast majority of the members of the Muslim minority in Thrace to continue living in harmony with their Christian fellow-Greek citizens.

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