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<p><b>Recommendations Regarding Freedom of Religion with Special Emphasis on Compliance of Greece with the ECtHR Judgments</b></p>
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In light of the recent case law of the European Court of Human Rights, the NCHR proposed the modification, according to the above-mentioned jurisprudence, of the current Greek legal framework regarding:

*1. Prosecution of proselytism.* The Greek State was urged to proceed with the abrogation of the relevant legislation in force and create a new legal framework grounded on the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion;

*2. The establishment of places of worship.* The NCHR urged the Greek authorities to abrogate the relevant obsolete legislation and comply with the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

*3. The situation of the Muslim minority in western Thrace.* The NCHR pointed out that the competence of Muftis in Thrace should be limited to religious affairs only and not transcend to the fields of administration and justice;

*4. Discrimination against conscientious objectors.* The NCHR proposed the modification of Greek legislation with a view to eliminating legal and social discrimination against conscientious objectors to military service.

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