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pls look at this. idea is ihsanoglu would read this agreed oic/us/eu statement at end of meeting

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**Ministerial on Implementation of UN Human Rights Council Resolution 16/18 on
Combating Intolerance, Discrimination, and Violence Based on Religion or Belief**

Joint Statement by the Co-Chairs

Istanbul, Turkey

July 15, 2011

The Secretary of State of the United States, the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs, together with foreign ministers and officials from [...], met on July 15 in Istanbul to give a united impetus to the implementation of UN Human Rights Council Resolution 16/18 on “Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence, and violence against persons based on religion or belief.” The meeting was hosted by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and co-chaired by the OIC Secretary-General H.E Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu and U.S. Secretary of State H.E. Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

They called upon all relevant stakeholders throughout the world to take seriously the call for action set forth in Resolution 16/18, which contributes to strengthening the foundations of tolerance and respect for religious diversity as well as enhancing the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms around the world.

Participants, resolved to go beyond mere rhetoric, reaffirmed their commitment to freedom of religion or belief as a universal human right. Participants emphasized the crucial need of implementing the specific, concrete measures called for in Resolution 16/18, which was adopted

by consensus in March 2011. The co-chairs of the meeting committed to work together with other interested countries and actors on follow up and implementation of Resolution 16/18 and to conduct further events and activities to discuss and assess implementation of the resolution. Participants are encouraged to consider to provide updates, as part of ongoing reporting to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, on steps taken at the national level on implementation of Resolution 16/18, building also on related measures in the other resolutions adopted by consensus on freedom of religion or belief and on the elimination of religious intolerance and discrimination.