

**President's Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad**  
Excerpts Adapted to the Canadian Situation

**OSCE Implementation Meeting on Human Dimensions Issues**  
**Consolidated Summary - November 1998**  
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**Recommendations from the discussion - excerpts**

- that countries ensure that their legislation protects religious freedom and that it is drafted so that it has no negative consequences...
- that legislation balance respect for traditional, majority religions with protection of, and freedom for minority and non-traditional religious groups.
- that countries develop mechanisms to foster dialogue between governments and religious groups
- countries with compulsory military service should ensure that fair alternatives are provided to conscientious objectors.