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In 1999 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe adopted Recommendation 1412 on "Illegal activities of sects." This was endorsed by the Committee of Ministers i.e by the majority of foreign ministers representing 41 countries then members of the Council of Europe. It does mean, in my view, that the majority of representatives of European countries were aware of the need to take measures to protect European citizens against the illegal activities of sects.

In 2005, after more than 3 years of waiting, its membership having been delayed by the many pitfalls sown by his detractors, FECRIS became one of 400 NGOs in consultative status, then participatory status with the Council of Europe.

Complying with its statutory obligations, FECRIS has been working for seven years that the fundamental values of the Council of Europe, which are the fundamental values of democracy, are respected. FECRIS participates actively in the Commission on Human Rights of the Conference of INGOs, and brought its tribute in working with her to achieve the REC.1 January 27, 2011 "Sectarian excesses and violations of Human Rights «CONF / PLE (2011) REC1.

At the same time the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe tackles again with the folder "sects and cults" by focusing on the protection of minors.

It is therefore obvious that the problem of protecting citizens against

sectarian excesses is not resolved, especially with regard to the protection of children.

Contrary to what its detractors continuously declare, FECRIS does not address this forum laying charges, making accusations, or by posing as the victim of accusations on the part of those who wield the Human Rights as a granted due and not as a duty.

FECRIS comes here and speaks to urge you, representative or leaders of European governments to help enforce the commitments of the various successive European Resolutions and Recommendations on sectarian excesses which shall, in any way, affect the freedom of religion, but defend the values and fundamental freedoms our democracies with the sole purpose that they are composed of citizens with equal rights and duties, free and responsible.