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Reuters (02.05.2000)/ HRWF International Secretariat (04.05.2000) - Website: <http://www.hrwf.net> - Email: info@hrwf.net - The Council of Europe said on Tuesday it was concerned over signs that intolerance towards minority Moslems was increasing in Europe.

In its 1999 annual report, the council's Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) said it regretted Islam was "sometimes portrayed inaccurately on the basis of stereotypes," adding that the effect was to make Islam seem a threat.

ECRI said it saw persistent racial and ethnic discrimination in areas of employment, housing, education and justice, and also an increase in complaints concerning "racist attitudes and behaviour on the part of the police."

The European body recommended to its 41 member states to fight job discrimination against Moslems and pay particular attention to the plight of Moslem women.

It also said states had to guarantee Moslems religious freedom remove legal hurdles which could prevent the building of a sufficient number of mosques.