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## C.O.N.T.A.C.T. Desktop research results Italy

### Annex 2. Most recent recommendations from NGOs in relation to Italy's position within the international legislation

Country	Body or institution	What do they say
Italy	Amnesty International <a href="http://www.amnesty.it/introdurre-subito-legge-su-crimini-odio-basati-su-orientamento-sessuale-e-identita-di-genere">http://www.amnesty.it/introdurre-subito-legge-su-crimini-odio-basati-su-orientamento-sessuale-e-identita-di-genere</a>	Italy needs to introduce without further delay a law to combat hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The Italian law criminalizes physical violence because of their race, ethnicity or religion of the victim. The Penal Code also provides that when a crime is committed on the basis of race, ethnicity or religion of the victim, this item should be considered as an aggravating circumstance. However, these rules do not apply to crimes motivated by the sexual orientation or gender identity of the victim. Therefore, Amnesty International urges the Italian Parliament to enact a law amending Article. 1 of Decree Law 122/1993, including sexual orientation and gender identity in the list of discriminatory grounds associative to specific crimes described in the article.
Italy	ENAR SHADOW REPORT Racism and related discriminatory practices in Italy <a href="http://www.enar-eu.org/Shadow-Reports-on-racism-in-Europe-203">http://www.enar-eu.org/Shadow-Reports-on-racism-in-Europe-203</a>	ENAR reports in 2011-12 that online medias are the main means of spreading hatred based on race/ethnicity and creating stereotypes. The main problems pointed out are: growing anti-Semitism, prejudice against the Muslim community and Roma, Sinti and Caminanti regarded as criminals and tied to degradation and crime. Combating racism has become a priority for civil society in Italy. UNAR urged, with no result, the Italian Parliament to ratify the additional protocol to 'The Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime' which has already been signed by the Italian Government. In addition, the Italian Government has decided to make greater efforts to prevent the spread of racism on the Internet