

**Question for written answer E-002048/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Persecution of Christians outside Europe

The EU was built on three pillars: ancient Greek philosophy, Roman law and Christianity. Acceptance of religious freedom is a core principle of the EU. Despite this, the persecution of Christians around the world has become a daily reality. It is happening in Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran and elsewhere. In many of these countries, converting to Christianity is forbidden and punishable even by death.

Thus, while we rightly talk about respect for religious tolerance, there is insufficient information about the persecution suffered by Christians outside of Europe and the way in which resulting problems are dealt with.

Open Doors¹, an international Christian organisation founded by Dutch Christian missionary Andrew van der Bijl, monitors, for example, and records such acts of persecution against Christians. I am calling on the EU to show increased awareness of and sensitivity towards the persecution of Christians worldwide.

In light of the Plenary debate of 10 October 2024 on the rise of religious intolerance in Europe, can the Commission answer the following:

Does it intend to act and take to the global stage to express its anger over the persecution of Christians in other continents other than Europe?

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¹ <https://www.opendoors.org/en-US/>