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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Systematic violence against Christians in Nigeria

Multiple reports indicate a sustained and systematic campaign of mass violence against Christians in Nigeria since 2009. Over 7 000 Christians have been killed in Nigeria so far in 2025 – an average of 35 per day, according to Intersociety.

This violence, carried out mainly by Boko Haram, the Islamic State West Africa Province, and Fulani extremists, has involved not only killings but also abductions, the burning of villages and the destruction of more than 19 000 churches, and has resulted in mass displacement. Millions are being forced into camps that lack basic necessities.

Despite constitutional protections, the Nigerian Government is failing to act against the escalating anti-Christian violence. Nigeria is now the deadliest country in the world for Christians, according to Open Doors, with acts of violence being carried out by terrorist groups that continue to operate without fear of facing justice or accountability.

Given that the EU is Nigeria's main trading and investment partner, will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy clarify:

1. What action is the European External Action Service taking to address the systematic killing and displacement of Christians in Nigeria?
2. Is the EU putting pressure on the Nigerian Government to address its persistent failure to act against these known perpetrators of anti-Christian violence?

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