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Subject: Christians are being persecuted and the Commission is doing nothing about it

On 29 September 2025, Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Holy See's Secretary for Relations with States, told the UN General Assembly that 'the data show that Christians are the most persecuted religious group worldwide, and yet the international community seems to be turning a blind eye to their plight'.

Here are three examples of such indifference at EU level:

– the European External Action Service's 2024 activity report[1] and the 2024 report by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on human rights and democracy in the world[2] both mention religious persecution, but do not even contain the word 'Christian';

– there are coordinators responsible for combating antisemitism and Islamophobia, but there is no coordinator responsible for combating Christianophobia;

– the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU is currently vacant.

1. Can the Commission explain why there is no mention of the persecution of Christians around the world when such persecution is being publicly condemned and documented?

2. What is the state of play regarding the appointment of a coordinator responsible for combating Christianophobia?

3. What is the state of play regarding the appointment of the next Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU?

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1 https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025/documents/AAR_2024_FINAL.pdf
2 https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/2024-annual-report-human-rights-and-democracy-world_en
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