

Question for written answer E-004300/2025

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

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Subject: Intensifying persecution of Christians and the EU's inability to intervene effectively

While thousands of Christians are being massacred in Nigeria, Syria, Congo and elsewhere or sentenced to death under 'blasphemy' laws in Pakistan, and entire Christian communities are being driven from their homes in the Middle East, the European Union risks being left as a bystander. The fact that the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief has remained vacant for a prolonged period of time limits the Union's ability to respond effectively to the growing persecution of Christians internationally.

The Vice-President / High Representative is asked:

1. How soon does she intend to fill the Special Envoy vacancy so that the EU has an effective mechanism for intervention on behalf of persecuted Christians?
2. Will it be ensured that the new mandate of the Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief explicitly mentions the need to protect Christians, especially in areas where systematic persecution is recorded?
3. What immediate and binding measures does the EU intend to take to ensure that its bilateral and multilateral relations include specific clauses on the protection of Christians and not just vague declarations?

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