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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: Persecution of Christians in Mozambique and abduction of minors

In recent days, a church was set on fire in Mozambique and eleven Christian children were kidnapped. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in 2025, over 110 000 people have been forced to flee their homes, with around 22 000 displaced in just one week in September. For years, the province of Cabo Delgado has been the scene of jihadist violence, resulting in thousands of victims and more than 1.3 million displaced persons. The situation risks turning into a new wave of persecution against Christians, becoming increasingly widespread across the African continent, and has serious implications for religious freedom, child protection and the right to practice one's faith without fear of violence.

1. How does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) intend to urge the Mozambican Government and regional authorities to thoroughly investigate and ensure accountability for the attack and the kidnapping of children?
2. Does the VP/HR intend to activate diplomatic tools and European funds for religious freedom, including through the special envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief, so that the EU can play a more decisive role, including in Mozambique?

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