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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: Protecting Christian populations in the Middle East

The terrorist attack on the Greek Orthodox church in Damascus raises serious concerns about the security of Christian communities in the Middle East. The ongoing threats, attacks and discrimination faced by Christians in the wider region, especially in areas of intense geopolitical instability, violate fundamental human rights and threaten the survival of communities with a history spanning millennia.

The European Union has declared its commitment to defending religious freedom and protecting minorities, but attacks of this kind demonstrate the need for targeted and effective protective action.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Vice-President / High Representative assess the current security situation of Christian populations in the Middle East, and in particular in Syria, and what specific measures has the EU taken or does it intend to take to protect religious minorities, including Christian communities, in high-risk areas?
2. Is there a plan to strengthen humanitarian aid programmes, as well as to support the cultural and religious heritage of Christians in the region?
3. Does the Vice-President / High Representative intend to strengthen political dialogue with governments in the region, in order to ensure the protection of religious freedom and the security of all religious communities?

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