

Question for written answer E-003461/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Conditionality of EU aid to Africa and respect for freedom of religion

The EU-Africa Partnership and the substantial funds allocated by the Union to development cooperation should also serve to effectively protect fundamental human rights. Violence, discrimination and persecution on the grounds of religion or belief occur in some African countries. Religious minorities, including Christian communities and their children, are particularly vulnerable. This phenomenon takes the form of physical violence, abductions, forced displacement, restrictions on access to education and impunity for perpetrators, among other things.

The EU, as one of Africa's most important financial and development partners, has instruments at its disposal to link support to respect for fundamental rights, including freedom of religion or belief.

1. Is the Commission prepared to make the allocation or disbursement of part of EU funds conditional upon genuine progress in the area of freedom of religion or belief, in particular the effective protection of persecuted minorities and children?
2. Does the Commission intend to use specific, measurable indicators, including the scale of religiously motivated violence, the prosecution of perpetrators, the protection of places of worship and children's access to education?
3. What financial consequences does the Commission envisage for states that systematically violate religious freedom or fail to fulfil their obligation to protect persecuted minorities, and is it possible to reduce, suspend or redirect part of the aid directly to organisations supporting victims?

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