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Answer given by Ms Kos
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission notes the concerns regarding the alleged incident involving Archbishop Marchel of the Moldovan Orthodox Church.

The 2024 enlargement report¹ highlights that Moldova largely upholds the freedom of religion and belief, with no documented violations reported. The country has implemented a national strategy aimed at cultivating tolerance to address issues such as racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, and other forms of intolerance, in accordance with the Commission's guidance. A new enlargement report for 2025 is anticipated to be released in the fall of 2025.

The Commission remains committed to upholding the principles of rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of religion or belief, as core EU values. These principles are central to Moldova's EU accession process.

¹ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/858717b3-f8ef-4514-89fe-54a6aa15ef69_en?filename=Moldova%20Report%202024.pdf.