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Upholding human rights is inscribed in the Algerian Constitution and constitutes a key element of EU-Algeria relations, as enshrined in the Association Agreement¹ and reinforced in the Partnership Priorities². On this basis, the EU monitors and follows developments closely and continues to have regular exchanges on human rights and rule of law with representatives of the Algerian government.

Freedom of religion or belief has constantly been raised with the Algerian authorities. In particular, the closure of certain Christian places of worship was specifically discussed at the last meeting of the EU-Algeria Political, Security and Human Rights Sub-Committee, and the European External Action Service plans to raise this issue again at the next meeting.

The EU consistently promotes upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedom of religion or belief, in line with international conventions.

¹ Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part, OJ L 265, 10 October 2005.

² Shared Partnership Priorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union under the revised European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), UE-AL 3101/17 ADD 1, Brussels 7 March 2017.