

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003897/25  
to the Commission  
Barbara Bonte (Pfe)  
(3 October 2025)**

*Subject: Alleged violations of religious freedom in candidate country Moldova*

In a letter to the UN, the NGO ‘Zmogaus Teisiu Apsauga’ reports several cases of discrimination on grounds of religion against members of the Orthodox Church of Moldova (59th session of the UN Human Rights Council, ref. A/HRC/59/NGO/115). Among other things, travel restrictions, confiscation of personal property, financial sanctions and revocation of property rights in favour of another Church are said to be taking place with the support of the government.

However, as a candidate country, Moldova is required to comply with Article 10 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

1. Is the Commission aware of these violations of religious freedom in Moldova?
2. Has the Commission raised this issue with the Moldovan Government?
3. What concrete steps is the Commission taking to monitor the situation in Moldova?

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**Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission  
(29 January 2026)**

The Commission is following closely whether candidate countries, including the Republic of Moldova, respect fundamental rights as outlined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union <sup>(1)</sup>. This includes monitoring the Republic of Moldova’s compliance with fundamental rights in the EU *acquis*, including freedom of religion, as part of the EU’s enlargement policy.

The 2025 enlargement report <sup>(2)</sup> highlights that the Republic of Moldova provides adequate legal guarantees on freedom of religion or belief and there were no reported breaches of freedom of religion or belief by the Republic of Moldova in the reporting timeframe.

The Commission remains committed to supporting the Republic of Moldova in its efforts to meet the standards required for EU membership.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C326, 26.10.2012.

<sup>(2)</sup> SWD(2025) 758 final.