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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on Christianity, the world's most persecuted religion

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Christianity, the world's most persecuted religion

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas a report by the Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) organisation has highlighted that, in 81 of the 196 countries examined, there are serious problems of religious freedom;
- B. whereas, 20 countries fall into the 'highly intolerant' category, of which 14 are experiencing religious persecution related to Muslim extremism;
- 1. Given that in Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, the Maldives, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen Christians are the most persecuted religious minority;
- 2. Noting that Christianity is the world's most persecuted religion;
- 3. Calls on the Council and the European Commission, pursuant to articles 2, 3, 6 and 21 of the EU Treaty and article 205 of the TFEU, to implement a large-scale international policy concerning the discrimination against and the persecution of Christians in the world;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the following countries: Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, the Maldives, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.