



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on religious violence and the desecration of Christian places of worship in
Europe

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on religious violence and the desecration of Christian places of worship in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the United Nations declaration of 1981,
 - having regard to Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights,
 - having regard to Article 10 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to Article 17 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the ‘Aid to the Church in Need’ foundation, 75% of religious violence in the world is aimed at the Christian religion;
- B. whereas in the European Union, Christian places of worship are the principal targets of desecration and whereas in France, the recorded number of attacks on religious buildings and Christian graves was 467 in 2014, with a 262% increase since 2008, amounting to 79.02% of all attacks on religious buildings and graves;
1. Calls on the Commission and Council to monitor violence against Christian communities in Europe, in cooperation with these communities’ official representatives to the EU and UN;
 2. Calls on the Commission and Council to issue an official condemnation of violence against Christian communities in Europe.