

**Question for written answer E-006228/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Situation of Christians in Iraq

Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, has been under the control of ultra-radical Sunnis since June. They are systematically targeting Christians in this city or forcing them to convert. These abuses, in addition to the suffering that this community is already experiencing, have been unanimously condemned by the UN, Western countries and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

According to observers, this community is unlikely to survive without outside help.

1. Will the EU send a humanitarian mission to protect this population group?
2. Some European countries, including France, have expressed a willingness to allow some of the refugees to settle on their territory. Would it not make more sense to build a consensus at European level on how these refugees are to be managed so that all EU Member States respond in the same way?