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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Dialogue between EU delegations and faith-based organisations and local religious leaders

The role of religions and faith-based organisations in development is currently the subject of wide discussion, especially after the terrorist attacks in Paris and Copenhagen, but also in Nigeria, Syria, Iraq and elsewhere. Religious leaders on all levels can be strong advocates for peace, prevention of violence and reconciliation.

Religious values and beliefs could contribute vital perspectives in the planning and implementation of EU projects, particularly as regards combating religious extremism and ensuring peace, reconciliation and development cooperation with countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

What is the extent of the dialogue between EU delegations and faith-based organisations and local religious leaders?