

**Question for written answer E-009299/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Special Representative for persecuted Christians around the world

The EU currently has nine Special Representatives for external action around the world, particularly in conflict zones.

For a number of years, attacks perpetrated against Christians in Islamic and totalitarian countries (Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, China, North Korea, many African countries, etc.) have been so widespread that many intellectuals are beginning to talk about genocide.

A black book published in 2014 reveals how much the situation of Christians throughout the world has worsened.

According to the black book, between 150 and 200 million Christians suffer persecution every year, at a time when the Vatican and Pope Francis are openly concerned about the fate of Christian communities in the Middle East.

Will the High Representative appoint a new Special Representative who would focus exclusively on the fate of persecuted Christians in the world?

If not, what practical action will she take to combat the serious human rights violations suffered by millions of Christians?