

**Question for written answer E-003437/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Freedom of religion or belief: agenda for implementation

In June 2013, the EU adopted guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief, signalling its commitment to mainstream those principles and sending a strong message to all countries that fail to respect them.

In view of the numerous campaigns calling for the release of religious prisoners, some of them minors, who were sentenced to prison for blasphemy or espionage for acts relating solely to their religious belief and practice, and given that those prisoners are facing the prospect of various forms of physical punishment, such as exorbitant fines, prison terms and even the death penalty:

- when will the Commission start to prepare to implement the agenda?
- what specific action has it taken on this matter?