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to the Commission**

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Subject: Iraqi Christians

Across the world, 215 million Christians are being persecuted for their faith.

In 2017, 90 000 people were killed for being Christians.

It is important, in this context, for the EU to protect ethnic and religious minorities so that they can continue to live in the countries they call home and to practice their religion without being subjected to any form of violence or coercion. It is also important for it to support people like the Archbishop of Kirkuk, who has set up a university for students of every religion who fled from Mosul.

What action is the EU taking in this respect? Are new measures in the pipeline or summits being planned to discuss ways of preventing Christians worldwide from being persecuted?