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The persecution of Christians in the world - A call for **action**

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HOSTED BY

MARTIN SCHULZ
President of the
European Parliament

ANTONIO TAJANI
Vice-President responsible
for Inter-religious Dialogue



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Opening remarks

09:15 - 09:50

Mr. Antonio Tajani

Vice-President of the European Parliament responsible for inter-religious dialogue

His Eminence Bishop Jean Kocherols

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Malines-Brussels and Vice-President of COMECE

Rt. Revd Christopher Hill

President of the Conference of European Churches

The condition of Christians in the world

09:50 - 10:30

Prof. Andrea Riccardi

Founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio

Dr. John Newton

Aid to the Church in Need

The U.S. perspective

Ambassador Anthony L. Gardner

U.S. Ambassador to the European Union

10:30 - 10:40

Break

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Testimonies

10:40 - 11:40

His Eminence Cardinal Vinko Puljic (Balkans)
Archbishop of Sarajevo

Dr. Paul Bhatti (Pakistan)
Founder of Shahbaz Bhatti Memorial Trust

Dr. Alganesh Fessaha (Sinai)
President of the NGO Gandhi

Father Musa Yaramis (Iraq)
Ambassador of the Caldean Church in Belgium

Ms. Helen Berhane (Eritrea)
Author of Song of the Nightingale

11:40 - 12:10

Discussion

Conclusions

12:10 - 12:30

Mr. Frans Timmermans
First Vice-President of the European Commission

Mr. Martin Schulz
President of the European Parliament

Gospel sung by **Helen Berhane**

Reception hosted by **Mr. Antonio Tajani**, Vice-President of the European Parliament