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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on protecting the Christian community from increasing persecution and violence

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting the Christian community from increasing persecution and violence

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 10 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the Open Doors Association's 2022 report, one in seven Christians in the world is at high risk of persecution and discrimination;
- B. whereas 16 Christians are killed each day and imprisonments, abductions, attacks on places of worship and murders have increased dramatically since 2021;
- C. whereas the EU has trade relations with non-European countries where the Chinese communist model of centralised control and repression of religious freedom is spreading;
- D. whereas the UN High Commissioner for Refugees raised concern about the 'refugee church' phenomenon occurring as result of jihadism and regimes cracking down on Christians;
- 1. Urges the Commission to be resolute in its discussions with countries with which the EU has trade relations on the fact that the protection of the Christian identity and faith is non-negotiable;
- 2. Urges the Commission to take decisive and bold action with the authorities of countries that are hostile to Christian beliefs.