

**Question for written answer E-011928/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
Liam Aylward (ALDE)**

Subject: Persecution of Christians in Iran

A significant number of Christians have been detained and sentenced to long-term prison sentences in Iran owing to their religious beliefs and Christian ministry work.

Could the Commission outline what steps, if any, have been taken to free those who have been unlawfully imprisoned in Iran?

Could the Commission outline what measures have been taken to better protect the freedom of religious practice for Christians and members of other religions in Iran?

Further to the Commission's answer to Written Question E-001205/2013 regarding the need to better safeguard the human rights of religious minorities in Iran, what immediate measures have been taken to encourage the Iranian authorities to guarantee and uphold human rights for all citizens, including those related to religious beliefs and practices?