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While religious violence instigated by Boko Haram and its offshoot Ansaru is currently receiving wide media coverage, the conditions that facilitate the emergence of such groups have yet to be addressed. There remains an urgent need to tackle the underlying systematic marginalisation of non-Muslims in various northern and central states, as well as the culture of impunity surrounding religious violence. Together, these factors create an enabling environment in which religious discrimination and violence can occur without consequences.

What measures is the EU taking to support the Nigerian government in combating impunity and promoting freedom of religion and belief in the northern and central states of Nigeria?