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Subject: Tanzania/Zanzibar

There has been an increase in religious discrimination on the island of Zanzibar, with the unresolved murders of two Christian leaders, the sending of regular death threats to other leaders and the destruction of churches by mobs. Similarly, two Christian leaders have been murdered this year on the Tanzanian mainland. If inadequately addressed, religious violence could facilitate the emergence of a culture of impunity that may in turn undermine national cohesion and facilitate the entrenchment of religion-related terrorism.

- 1. Is the EU/HR aware of these worrying developments?
- 2. What measures is the EU currently taking or planning to take in order to promote freedom of religion or belief and to remind the government of its obligations under Article 19 of Tanzania's constitution?

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