

**Question for written answer E-002954/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Attacks on freedom of religion in Algeria

On 28 November 2019, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation of freedoms in Algeria ¹.

This resolution condemned the violations of fundamental freedoms and human rights by the Algerian Government.

In particular, the resolution recalled that ‘under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Algeria has ratified, governments must ensure the right to freedom of religion, thought and conscience of everyone under their jurisdiction, and in particular religious minorities’.

The resolution also called for the end to violations of the freedom to worship of religious minorities, including Christians, and for the reopening of church buildings that were closed down by the government.

1. Has this issue been addressed in the framework of EU-Algeria political dialogues?
2. Does the Commission know if any changes have been implemented to the Algerian Government's Ordinance 06-03?
3. Can the Commission confirm that church buildings that were previously closed in violation of fundamental freedoms have been reopened?

¹ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2019)0072.