

**Question for written answer E-002093/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU

On 7 December 2022, Frans van Daele was appointed Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU. In a resolution of 18 January 2023 (2022/2049(INI)), the European Parliament welcomed his appointment and called on the Council and the Commission to evaluate the mandate with a view to providing him with sufficient human and financial resources.

In a reply given in February 2023<sup>1</sup>, the Commission stated that the mandate would be attached to Vice-President Schinas and went on to specify its objectives: to encourage cooperation with various stakeholders in countries suffering from discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief; to support intercultural and interreligious dialogue; to promote religious diversity and tolerance within educational programmes and curricula; and, finally, to coordinate all activities within this mandate closely with the EU Special Representative on Human Rights.

- 1) Can the Commission provide details of the resources made available to the Special Envoy for the performance of his duties (office, human and financial resources)?
- 2) Can the Commission indicate how the Special Envoy reports on his activities?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2022-003837-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2022-003837-ASW_EN.html)