

**Question for oral answer O-000014/2021
to the Commission**

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

In her reply of 31 August 2020 to the letter of the Group of the European People's Party sent on 3 July 2020, Commission President Ms von der Leyen stated that a decision by the college had been taken to appoint a Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU (FoRB) on 8 July 2020. At this moment in time, an envoy is yet to be appointed and we would therefore like to ask the following questions:

1. Why has the Special Envoy for the promotion of FoRB not been appointed yet, despite the previous mandate having expired on 30 November 2019?
2. When will the Commission appoint the Special Envoy for the promotion of FoRB, what will be their mandate and under what working arrangements will they operate?

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