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The persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion
(2021/2055(INI))

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Amendment 1

Petras Auštrevičius, Klemen Grošelj, Frédérique Ries, Nathalie Loiseau, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Motion for a resolution

Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to UN General Assembly resolution on promoting a culture of peace and tolerance to safeguard religious sites, adopted on 21 January 2021,*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Citation 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Marrakesh Declaration of 27 January 2016 on the Rights of Religious Minorities in Predominantly Muslim Majority Communities,*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 3

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the awarding of the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to Raif*

*Badawi in 2015, Nadia Murad and
Lamiya Aji Bashar in 2016 and to Ilham
Tohti in 2019,*

Or. en

Amendment 4

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Citation 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of
10 October 2013 on caste-based
discrimination, in particular article 6 on
religion as an intersectional factor of
discrimination and abuse,*

Or. en

Amendment 5

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Citation 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 4
February 2016 on the systematic mass
murder of religious minorities by the so-
called ‘ISIS/Daesh’²,* *deleted*

² *OJ C 35, 31.1.2018, p. 77.*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Citation 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 4 July 2017 on addressing human rights violations in the context of war crimes, and crimes against humanity, including genocide,*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Citation 29 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 15 March 2018 on the situation in Syria,*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Citation 29 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolutions of 4 October 2018 on mass arbitrary detention of Uyghurs and Kazakhs in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, 18 April 2019 on China, notably the situation of religious and ethnic minorities, 19 December 2019 on the situation of the Uyghurs in China (China Cables) and 17 December 2020 on forced labour and the situation of the Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region,*

Amendment 9

David Lega

Motion for a resolution

Citation 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolutions of 18 April 2019, 19 December 2019 and 17 December 2020 on the situation of religious and ethnic minorities in China,*

Or. en

Amendment 10

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Citation 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolutions of 18 April 2019, 19 December 2019 and 17 December 2020 on the situation of religious and ethnic minorities in China,*

Or. en

Amendment 11

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Citation 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolutions of 17 December 2020 on forced labour and*

*the situation of the Uyghurs in the
Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
and of 18 April 2019 on China, notably
the situation of religious and ethnic
minorities,*

Or. en

Amendment 12

**María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries,
Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 29 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of
17 December 2020 on forced labour and
the situation of the Uyghurs in the
Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region,*

Or. en

Amendment 13

Miguel Urbán Crespo

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 30**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolutions of
7 July³ and 15 December 2016⁴, 14
September⁵ and 14 December 2017⁶, and
19 September 2019⁷ on Myanmar and the
situation of the Rohingya people,*

deleted

³ OJ C 101, 16.3.2018, p. 134.

⁴ OJ C 238, 6.7.2018, p. 112.

⁵ OJ C 337, 20.9.2018, p. 109.

⁶ OJ C 369, 11.10.2018, p. 91.

⁷ *OJ C 171, 6.5.21, p.12.*

Or. en

Amendment 14

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Citation 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolutions of 28 November 2019 and 26 November 2020 on the deteriorating situation of human rights in Algeria,*

Or. en

Amendment 15

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Citation 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 19 December 2019 on violations of human rights including religious freedoms in Burkina Faso⁸,* *deleted*

⁸ *Texts adopted, P9_TA(2019)0106.*

Or. en

Amendment 16

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Citation 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 16 January 2020 on Nigeria, notably the recent terrorist attacks,*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 29 April 2021 on blasphemy laws in Pakistan, in particular the case of Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel⁹,*

deleted

⁹ *Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0157.*

Or. en

Amendment 18
György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec, Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution
Citation 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 29 April 2021 on blasphemy laws in Pakistan, in particular the case of Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel⁹,*

— *having regard to its resolution of 29 April 2021 on blasphemy laws in Pakistan, in particular the case of Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel⁹, its resolution of 14 April 2016 on Pakistan, in particular the attack in Lahore, and its resolution of*

13 December 2018 on Iran, notably the case of Nasrin Sotoudeh,

⁹ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0157.

⁹ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0157.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Citation 32

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to its resolution of 29 April 2021 on blasphemy laws in Pakistan, in particular the case of Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel⁹,

⁹ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0157.

Amendment

— having regard to its resolution of 29 April 2021 on blasphemy laws in Pakistan, in particular the case of Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel⁹, *and Asia Bibi,*

⁹ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0157.

Or. en

Amendment 20
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Citation 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

— *having regard to the case of Maira Shahbaz, a Pakistani girl who was kidnapped, forcefully converted and married in April 2020,*

Or. en

Amendment 21
David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Citation 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of 25 November 2020 on the foreign policy consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak,*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its recommendation of 29 April 2021 to the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning EU-India relations,*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Citation 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its report of 16 April 2021 on EU-India relations,*

Or. en

Amendment 24
David Lega, Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Citation 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its recommendation of 9 June 2021 to the Council on the 75th and 76th sessions of the United Nations General Assembly,*

Or. en

Amendment 25
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the activities of the European Parliament Intergroup on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Religious Tolerance,*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 26
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas *UN* human *rights treaties*, *together with* international and *EU laws* provide standards for the protection of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities as an integral part of human rights;

A. whereas *the freedom of religion and belief is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals on a par with all others, which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding*

texts, including inter alia the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which provide standards for the protection of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities as an integral part of human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas UN human rights treaties, together with international and EU laws *provide standards for the protection of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities as an integral part of human rights;*

Amendment

A. whereas UN human rights treaties, together with international and EU laws *asserts that everyone has the right to their own beliefs, to have a religion, have no religion, or to change it;*

Or. en

Amendment 28
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas UN human rights treaties, together with international and EU laws provide standards for the protection of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities as an integral part of human rights;

Amendment

A. whereas UN human rights treaties, together with international and EU laws provide standards for the protection of the rights of persons belonging to *belief or* religious minorities as an integral part of human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the UN Human Rights Committee has recalled that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion (which includes the freedom to hold beliefs) encompasses freedom of thought on all matters, personal conviction and the commitment to religion or belief, whether manifested individually or in community with others; whereas this freedom cannot be reduced in its description, protection and promotion to less inclusive terms such as religious freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Dragoş Tudorache

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the Universal Declaration of Human rights foresees the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion and the right to manifest one's religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance; whereas this right derives from key human rights treaties that are crucial for democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Janina Ochojska

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas, in accordance with Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights, everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and that right includes freedom to change one's religion or belief;

Or. pl

Amendment 32
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas freedom of religion and belief implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe or not to believe, the right to change or abandon one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practice and manifest the thought, conscience, religion and belief of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of thought, conscience, religion or belief can be expressed in worship, observance, practice and teaching; whereas freedom of religion and belief entails the right of believers' and non-believers' communities to preserve or quit their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for religious, secular and non-confessional organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or

none and effectively addressing violations of freedom of religion and belief, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy freedom of religion and belief on an equal basis;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas the freedom of religion and belief implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe and not to believe, the right to change or abandon one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion or theistic, non-theistic or atheistic belief of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public, the right to not to profess any religion or belief, and the right to express critical or satirical opinions on religions and religious authorities as a legitimate expression of freedom of thought or artistic creation; whereas freedom of religion or belief also entails the right for the religious and non-confessional organisations to have recognised legal personality;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Janina Ochojska

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas religious freedom is not only about belonging to one of the existing religions, but also the freedom to challenge existing beliefs or create new ones, as well as the freedom not to belong to any religion or to change religion voluntarily;

Or. pl

Amendment 35
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas according to Article 21 TEU, the EU promotes and defends the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms and respect for human dignity as part of the guiding principles of its foreign policy;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas freedom of religion or belief is violated in almost one third of countries worldwide; whereas over 5 billion people live in countries imposing or tolerating severe violations of freedom of

B. whereas freedom of religion or belief *and the freedom not to believe*, is violated in almost one third of countries worldwide; whereas over 5 billion people live in countries imposing or tolerating

religious or belief;

severe violations of freedom of religious or belief;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas freedom of religion or belief is violated in ***almost one third of*** countries worldwide; whereas ***over 5 billion*** people live in countries imposing or tolerating severe violations of freedom of religious or belief;

Amendment

B. whereas freedom of religion or belief is violated in ***many*** countries worldwide; whereas ***a large number of*** people live in countries imposing or tolerating severe violations of freedom of religious or belief;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas freedom of religion or belief is violated in almost one third of countries worldwide; whereas over 5 billion people live in countries imposing or tolerating severe violations of freedom of ***religious*** or belief;

Amendment

B. whereas freedom of religion or belief is violated in almost one third of countries worldwide; whereas over 5 billion people live in countries imposing or tolerating severe violations of freedom of ***thought, conscience, religion*** or belief;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas according to the Freedom of Thought Report of 2019, 22 countries criminalize apostasy, including 12 countries in which apostasy is punishable by death; whereas 69 countries have blasphemy laws and expression of non-religious views is severely persecuted in parts of the world; whereas human rights defenders are also targeted for fighting against blasphemy laws used against believers of other religions or secularists;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health **and** administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious ***or belief minorities***, is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, ***mass incarcerations***, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, ***gender based violence, rape, forced birth control, ban of access to sexual and reproductive rights including abortion, forced labour and displacement***, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to ***citizenship and*** elective offices, employment, education, health, administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech; ***whereas available data suggest that the prevalence***

of laws, policies and government actions that restrict the ability of rights holders to enjoy freedom of religion or belief and the freedom not to believe increased between 2007 and 2017; whereas there has been an increase in online hate speech towards religious minorities around the world; whereas online manifestations of religious hatred are often followed by hate crimes and violence;

Or. en

Amendment 41

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

Amendment

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, **torture**, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, **forced displacement, various forms of human trafficking (slavery, sexual or labour exploitation)**, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, **expropriation of private properties**, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

Amendment

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, ***enforced disappearances, extrajudicial executions,*** coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, ***physical and mental abuse, rape and sexual violence, executions,*** limitation of access to elective offices, ***judicial harassment and prosecution,*** employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services,

Amendment

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of ***minorities on the ground of belief or*** religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education,

destruction of places of worship,
cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online
hate speech;

health and administration services,
destruction of places of worship,
cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online
hate speech;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether ***governments or other groups in society*** – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

Amendment

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether ***states and non-state actors, or combination of both*** – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take

Amendment

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take

different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced **birth control**, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage **of young girls**, forced **abortion**, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, and online hate speech;

Amendment

C. whereas discrimination and persecution of religious is carried out by different actors – whether governments or other groups in society – and can take different forms, such as killings, physical attacks, arbitrary arrests, coercion, forced conversion, kidnapping and forced marriage, forced birth control, threats, exclusion, discriminatory and unfair treatment, harassment, limitation of access to elective offices, employment, education, health and administration services, destruction of places of worship, cemeteries and cultural heritage, **physical** and online hate speech;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Javier Zarzalejos, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas not only believers, but also those who support or defend them, such as lawyers, can become targets following social uprising; whereas even the outcome of judicial procedures is no guarantee for safety for believers and those who support or defend them;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated persecution and violence against belief and religious minorities in some countries; whereas furthermore the health crisis can provide a pretext to adopt persecution measures for purposes unrelated to the pandemic; whereas belief and religious minorities have become particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 infection and mortality due to unequal access to adequate medical care;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas women are particularly at risk of increased discrimination and violence linked to intersectional factors such as gender, religion, caste, ethnic background, power imbalances, patriarchy and belonging to minority groups;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas women of belief and religious minorities are particularly at risk of increased discrimination and violence linked to intersectional factors such as gender, religion, caste, ethnic background, power imbalances and patriarchy;

Or. en

Amendment 51

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas women face more difficulties in exercising their right to leave a religious or belief community due to lack of social or economic independence or threats of violence or

loss of custody of their children;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas gender-based violence and discrimination grounded in religious justifications persist; whereas women and LGBTIQ+ people continue to experience discrimination and violence inflicted in the name of religion by both state and non-state actors; whereas sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), including abortion, are being banned in the name of religion by both state and non-state actors;

Or. en

Amendment 53

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas indigenous beliefs or religions' practices are part of a people's cultural identity and that indigenous peoples have the right to promote, develop and maintain their institutional structures and their distinctive customs, spirituality, traditions, procedures, practices according to international human rights standards;

Amendment 54

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cc. whereas discrimination on the grounds of religion and belief forces many individuals and communities to migrate or become internally displaced; whereas the instrumentalization of religion and belief constitutes an important driver of conflict worldwide;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas in almost every region of the world, religious minorities appear to be at risk of being designated “terrorist groups” and of having members arrested under “extremism” or “illegal activity” charges; whereas some governments are using national security imperatives and counter-terrorism measures to criminalize membership in or activities of certain religious or belief groups; whereas such approaches severely undermine the exercise of the right to freedom of religion or belief;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cc. whereas minorities on the ground of belief and religious often lack of adequate national representation; whereas legislation often excludes the needs and interests of these minorities, with governments employing a range of extra-legal measures that persecute, delegitimise or stigmatise minorities on the ground of belief or religion;

Or. en

Amendment 57

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cd. whereas the lack of knowledge and recognition on the role that religions and beliefs play for individuals and communities fuels intolerance, hate speech, stereotypes and contributes to increase discriminatory attitudes and behaviours;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cd. whereas social media platforms are increasingly exploited as spaces for incitement to hatred and violence; whereas belief or religious minorities continue to be subject to hate speech online and offline from individuals across the political spectrum;

Or. en

Amendment 59

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital C e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ce. whereas social networks are increasingly used as a forum for incitement to hatred, intimidation and violence by religious, political and organized groups;

Or. en

Amendment 60

György Hölvényi, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas in numerous conflicts and crises around the world, attacks on cultural heritage have been an instrument of symbolic violence and the politicization of cultural heritage, often when including

its religious aspects directly contributing to humanitarian crises, displacement and migration, the violation of religious and cultural rights as well as human dignity; whereas these can polarize either a society, a country, a region, an ethnical group or a community and increase the risk of violent conflict, thus cultural heritage destruction and looting can be a weapon of war, and a warning sign for future mass atrocities; whereas, furthermore, these represent major obstacles to dialogue, peace and reconciliation;

Or. en

Amendment 61
György Hölvényi, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas the destruction of cultural heritage renders communities, especially religious communities, vulnerable as they are deprived of an important part of their identity, while extremist groups and other conflict parties can easily spread their influence in areas where identities and social cohesion have been weakened and divisions in communities been reinforced;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. *whereas in 2018 Asia and the Pacific experienced the largest increase in government restrictions on freedom of religion or belief, while the Middle East and North Africa continued to have the highest median level of restrictions;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 63

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. *whereas in 2018 Asia and the Pacific experienced the largest increase in government restrictions on freedom of religion or belief, while the Middle East and North Africa continued to have the highest median level of restrictions;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 64

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. *whereas in 2018 Asia and the Pacific experienced the largest increase in government restrictions on freedom of religion or belief, while the Middle East and North Africa continued to have the highest median level of restrictions;* *deleted*

Amendment 65

Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas in 2018 Asia and the Pacific experienced the largest increase in government restrictions on freedom of religion or belief, while the Middle East and North Africa continued to have the highest median level of restrictions; *deleted*

Amendment 66

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas in 2018, Christians were harassed in 145 countries, Muslims in 139, Jews in 88, Buddhists in 24, Hindus in 19 countries and non-believers in 18 countries¹² ; *deleted*

¹² According to data collected by the Pew Research Center (10 November 2020).

Amendment 67

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. *whereas in 2018, Christians were harassed in 145 countries, Muslims in 139, Jews in 88, Buddhists in 24, Hindus in 19 countries and non-believers in 18 countries*¹² ; *deleted*

¹² *According to data collected by the Pew Research Center (10 November 2020).*

Or. en

Amendment 68

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. *whereas in 2018, Christians were harassed in 145 countries, Muslims in 139, Jews in 88, Buddhists in 24, Hindus in 19 countries and non-believers in 18 countries*¹² ; *deleted*

¹² *According to data collected by the Pew Research Center (10 November 2020).*

Or. en

Amendment 69

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. *whereas in 2018, Christians were harassed in 145 countries, Muslims in 139, Jews in 88, Buddhists in 24, Hindus in 19 countries and non-believers in 18 countries¹² ;* ***deleted***

¹² According to data collected by the Pew Research Center (10 November 2020).

Or. en

Amendment 70

Peter van Dalen, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. *whereas in 2018, Christians were harassed in 145 countries, Muslims in 139, Jews in 88, Buddhists in 24, Hindus in 19 countries and non-believers in 18 countries¹² ;* ***deleted***

¹² According to data collected by the Pew Research Center (10 November 2020).

Or. en

Amendment 71

Jérôme Rivière, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. *whereas in 2018, Christians were harassed in 145 countries, Muslims in 139,*

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¹² According to data collected by the Pew Research Center (10 November 2020).

Jews in 88, Buddhists in 24, Hindus in 19 countries and non-believers in 18 countries¹² ; ***whereas, according to a report by the Open Doors association, in terms of numbers Christians are the most persecuted religious group in the world, with more than 340 million believers being persecuted and discriminated against;***

¹² According to data collected by the Pew Research Center (10 November 2020).

Or. fr

Amendment 72

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas in recent years, several cases based on religion or belief have reached the threshold of international crimes, such as war crimes, crimes against humanity and even genocide, particularly of religious minority groups, including the ISIS/Daesh genocide against Yazidis, Christians and other religious minorities; whereas the Burmese military's actions against Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine state amount to genocide and their policies against Christians in Kachin as crimes against humanity; whereas China's policies against the Uyghurs amount to genocide; whereas the terrorism committed by Boko Haram and the Fulani militia in Nigeria against Christians amount to genocide and crimes against humanity;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas in cases of international crimes based on religion or belief, perpetrators have been enjoying impunity, with some minor exceptions, and therefore, atrocities have been able to continue;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ec. whereas, in accordance with the 1948 UN Genocide Convention, states and public authorities have the obligation to not only punish the perpetrators of crimes of genocide, but also to prevent such crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Javier Zarzalejos, Antonio López-Istúriz White, David Lega, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas the Commission

appointed on 4 May 2021, Mr Christos Stylianides as Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) outside the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Janina Ochojska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their religion or belief, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief;

Amendment

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their religion or belief, ***or reject it***, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief, ***or the lack thereof***;

Or. pl

Amendment 77
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief;

discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and ***acts of*** terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their religion or belief, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief;

Amendment

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their religion or belief, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief, ***which in some cases may even amount to crimes against humanity or genocide; condemns also the denial of or efforts to minimise such crimes;***

Or. en

Amendment 79

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their religion or belief, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief; ***reaffirms its support for victims of violence based on belief or religion, and its commitment to eradicating such violence;***

Or. en

Amendment 80

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their religion ***or belief***, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion ***and belief***;

Amendment

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons belonging to ***belief or*** religious minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their ***belief or*** religion, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of ***belief and*** religion;

Or. en

Amendment 81

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their religion or belief, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief;

Amendment

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons belonging to religious ***and belief*** minorities everywhere in the world, including their right to change or choose their religion or belief, in respect of the principles of equality and non-discrimination; condemns in the strongest terms all persecution, violence, incitement to violence and terrorism targeting any minority on the grounds of religion and belief;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure the ***inclusion*** of all citizens in their societies and in political and cultural life;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure the ***freedom and dignity*** of all citizens in their societies and in political and cultural life;

Or. en

Amendment 83
György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure ***the inclusion of all***

Amendment

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure ***equal and inclusive***

citizens in their societies and in political and cultural life;

citizenship for all in their societies, *where the members of religious minorities live*, and in political and cultural life;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure the inclusion of all citizens in their societies and in political *and* cultural life;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure the inclusion of all citizens in their societies and in political cultural *and economic* life; *stresses that states have the primary responsibility to promote and protect the human rights of persons belonging to religious or belief minorities, including their right to exercise their religion or belief and their right not to believe freely*;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion *and belief*, it is essential to promote and ensure the inclusion of all citizens in their societies and in political and cultural life;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their *belief*, religion, *thought and conscience*, it is essential to promote and ensure the inclusion of all citizens in their societies and in political, *socio-economic* and cultural life;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Janina Ochojska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure the inclusion of all citizens in their societies and in political and cultural life;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure the inclusion of all citizens in their societies and in political and cultural life ***and ensure that their personal rights and freedoms are respected;***

Or. pl

Amendment 87
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ensure the inclusion of all citizens in their societies and in political and cultural life;

Amendment

2. Takes the view that, regardless of their religion and belief, it is essential to promote and ***help to*** ensure the inclusion of all citizens in their societies and in political and cultural life;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. *Recognizes that respect for freedom of religion and belief directly contributes to democracy, development, respect of the rule of law, peace and stability; reaffirms that violations of freedom of religion and belief encroach on the dignity of human life, and give rise to or exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts; calls on States to exercise due diligence to prevent, investigate and punish acts of violence, or the threat thereof, against persons based on their religion or belief, as well as ensuring accountability should such violations occur;*

Or. en

Amendment 89

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that freedom of religion or belief, including freedom to worship, and freedom to believe or not believe, is a human right, *and that it often serves as a last bastion of liberty and as a source of fierce determination in highly repressive settings;*

Amendment

3. Stresses that freedom of religion or belief, including freedom to worship, *observance, practice and teaching, freedom to adopt, change or abandon one's religion or belief* and freedom to believe or not believe *and to manifest one's religion or belief*, is a human right *protected under international law;*

Or. en

Amendment 90

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that freedom of religion or belief, including freedom to **worship, and freedom to** believe or not believe, is a human right, **and that it often serves as a last bastion of liberty and as a source of fierce determination in highly repressive settings;**

Amendment

3. Stresses that freedom of religion or belief, including freedom to believe or not believe, **and freedom either individually or in community with others to manifest one's religion or belief in teaching, practice, observance and worship,** is a human right;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that freedom of religion or belief, including freedom to worship, and freedom to believe or not believe, is a human right, **and that it often serves as a last bastion of liberty and as a source of fierce determination in highly repressive settings;**

Amendment

3. Stresses that freedom of religion or belief, including freedom to worship, and freedom to believe or not believe, is a human right;

Or. fr

Amendment 92
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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human right, *and that it often serves as a last bastion of liberty and as a source of fierce determination in highly repressive settings*;

human right;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that freedom of religion *or belief*, including freedom to worship, *and* freedom to believe or not believe, is a human right, and that it often serves as a last bastion of liberty and as a source of fierce determination in highly repressive settings;

Amendment

3. Stresses that freedom of *thought, belief and* religion, including freedom to worship, freedom to believe or not believe, *to espouse theistic, non-theistic, agnostic or atheistic views and the right to apostasy* is a human right, and that it often serves as a last bastion of liberty and as a source of fierce determination in highly repressive settings;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Underlines that the violence and discrimination against persons belonging to religious or belief minorities have an intersectional dimension, with religious-based discrimination intersecting with forms of discrimination based on the grounds of gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, class, national or ethnic origin, disability, age, migration status and other axes of socio-

demographic differentiation;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses that the religious grounds of persecution are often intertwined with some other grounds of distinct nature, in particular those linked to ethnicity, gender and caste; condemns the ongoing persecution and serious and systematic human rights violations in some countries that can amount to crimes against humanity;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses that the persecution of minorities on grounds of religion or belief is often intertwined with some other grounds of distinct nature, in particular those linked to ethnicity, gender and caste;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is deeply concerned about the ***rise over the last decade of*** violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, ***which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries***; notes that it affects many religious communities, ***namely Christians (including Copts), Jews, Muslims (including Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians***, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Amendment

4. Is deeply concerned about the violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon; notes that it affects many religious communities, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Or. en

Amendment 98

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, ***namely Christians (including Copts), Jews, Muslims (including Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious***

Amendment

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of ***coercion, violence and repression*** against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any

groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

religion;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, *namely Christians (including Copts), Jews, Muslims (including Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians*, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Amendment

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any *belief or* religion;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Dragoş Tudorache

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, namely Christians (including Copts), Jews, Muslims (including Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Amendment

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence, ***discrimination and harassment*** against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, namely Christians (including Copts), Jews, Muslims (including Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Jérôme Rivière, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, namely Christians (***including Copts***), Jews, Muslims (***including Ahmadis and Alevis***), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Amendment

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, namely Christians, ***particularly Eastern Christians***, Jews, Muslims, ***particularly*** Ahmadis and Alevis, ***as well as Shia minorities in some countries on the Arabian Peninsula***, Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Or. fr

Amendment 103
David Lega, Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, namely Christians (including Copts), Jews, Muslims (including Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any

Amendment

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, namely Christians (including Copts, ***Assyrians and Syrians***), Jews, Muslims (including ***Uyghurs***, Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists,

religion;

agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries; notes that it affects many religious communities, namely Christians (including Copts), Jews, Muslims (including Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 105
Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is deeply concerned about the rise over the last decade of violence against people belonging to minorities on the grounds of their belief or religion as a global phenomenon, which is intensifying and affecting more and more countries;

Amendment

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notes that it affects many religious communities, namely Christians (including Copts), Jews, Muslims (including Ahmadis and Alevis), Buddhists, Hindus and smaller religious groups, such as Baha'is, **Yazidis**, Sikhs and Zoroastrians, **Falun Gong practitioners**, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or do not identify with any religion;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Strongly deplores that non-religious, and secular and humanist organizations are facing growing persecution, including unprecedented waves of incitement and hatred and killings, in a number of countries worldwide; denounces as well that countless individuals and civil society organisations are under assault for peacefully questioning, criticizing or satirizing religious beliefs; stresses that this ongoing violation of their freedom of thought and of expression occurs across geographic and cultural borders, including within EU Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 107

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Underlines that although it is usually religious minorities that are the target of persecution or intolerance, there are cases in which persecution is also suffered by religious communities that are not sociologically minorities and have a large presence in a territory or state, but find themselves in a situation of vulnerability that makes them easy targets of intolerance and violence by terrorist groups that seek to subjugate, expel and, in some cases, exterminate them;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Stresses that among believers' groups, Christians are estimated to constitute the majority of people facing persecution for their faith; underlines that globally around 340 million Christians experience high levels of persecution and discrimination, with over 4 500 Christians killed for their faith, 4 500 churches and other Christian buildings attacked, and over 4 200 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned in 2020 alone; is alarmed about the increase in the overall level of discrimination, and especially about the sharp increase in the number of killings compared to 2019;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 109

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 110

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Stresses that among believers' groups, Christians are estimated to constitute the majority of people facing persecution for their faith; underlines that globally around 340 million Christians experience high levels of persecution and discrimination, with over 4 500 Christians killed for their faith, 4 500 churches and other Christian buildings attacked, and over 4 200 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned in 2020 alone; is alarmed about the increase in *deleted*

the overall level of discrimination, and especially about the sharp increase in the number of killings compared to 2019;

Or. en

Amendment 111

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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deleted

Or. en

Amendment 112

Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Stresses that among believers' groups, Christians *are estimated to* constitute the majority of people facing persecution for their faith; underlines that

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Christians experience high levels of persecution and discrimination, with over 4 500 Christians killed for their faith, 4 500 churches and other Christian buildings attacked, and over 4 200 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned in 2020 alone; is alarmed about the increase in the overall level of discrimination, and especially about the sharp increase in the number of killings compared to 2019;

Or. es

Amendment 113

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Javier Zarzalejos, György Hölvényi, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

5. Stresses that among believers' groups, Christians are estimated to constitute the majority of people facing persecution for their faith; underlines that globally around 340 million Christians experience high levels of persecution and discrimination, with over 4 500 Christians killed for their faith, 4 500 churches and other Christian buildings attacked, and over 4 200 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned in 2020 alone; ***stresses that these are minimum figures since many incidents go unreported***; is alarmed about the increase in the overall level of ***persecution and discrimination, which increased by 19% between 2019 and 2020***; and especially about the sharp ***60%*** increase in the number of ***faith-related*** killings compared to 2019;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that among believers' groups, Christians are estimated to constitute the majority of people facing persecution for their faith; underlines that globally around 340 million Christians experience high levels of persecution and discrimination, with over 4 500 Christians killed for their faith, 4 500 churches and other Christian buildings attacked, and over 4 200 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned in 2020 alone; is alarmed about the increase in the overall level of discrimination, and especially about the sharp increase in the number of killings compared to 2019;

Amendment

5. Stresses that among believers' groups, Christians are estimated to constitute the majority of people facing persecution for their faith; underlines that globally around 340 million Christians experience high levels of persecution and discrimination, with over 4 500 Christians killed for their faith, 4 500 churches and other Christian buildings attacked, and over 4 200 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned in 2020 alone; is alarmed about the increase in the overall level of discrimination, and especially about the sharp increase in the number of killings compared to 2019, *which particularly concerns cases where Christians live as numeric minorities;*

Or. en

Amendment 115

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recognises the positive and enormous contribution by the millenary presence and activities of indigenous Christian communities in their respective countries in the Middle East and North Africa, including in the business communities and serving as elected public officials in government, despite the attacks they have suffered over the past

years; strongly commends their efforts to promoting common social bonds, peaceful reconciliation and sustainable peace in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 116

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recalls that indigenous religious communities, among others Christians in the Middle East countries, contribute profoundly to the social stability, conflict prevention and peace of their countries;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 118

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 119

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 120

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 121

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities;

Amendment

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities; ***is alarmed by the fact that, as defined by UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief in March 2021 [1], several States worldwide responded to a perceived terrorist threat with measures that undermine the possibilities of Muslims of living according to their belief system, the securitization of religious communities, limits on access to citizenship, socioeconomic exclusion and pervasive stigmatization of Muslim communities;***
[1]<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/03/1086452>.

Or. en

Amendment 122
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities;

Amendment

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities; ***stresses that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and various human rights organisations conclude that discrimination against Muslims in European counter-terrorism efforts has helped to create an environment in which Muslims are more likely to be the subject of hate speech and attacks, normalising institutional suspicion of Muslims, which has escalated to epidemic proportions;***

Amendment 123
Janina Ochojska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities;

Amendment

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities; ***is particularly concerned about the persecution of and discrimination against the Rohingya, crackdowns against whom intensified following the democratisation of Burma in 2012, with mosques, schools and homes being torched and the people themselves persecuted; points out that, as a result, they were forced to flee their homes, and a few years later genocide against the Rohingya was committed in Arakan by Burmese Buddhist nationalists;***

Amendment 124
Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities;

Amendment

6. Is concerned about the persecution and serious human rights violations against Muslim minorities, ***especially in Myanmar and China where Muslim minorities have been subjected to atrocities meeting the legal definition of genocide in Article II of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;***

Amendment 125

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Is worried about growing antisemitism worldwide, given that although Jews make up only 0.2 % of the global population, they faced harassment in 88 countries in 2018; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 126

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Is worried about growing antisemitism worldwide, given that although Jews make up only 0.2 % of the global population, they faced harassment in 88 countries in 2018; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 127

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Is worried about growing antisemitism worldwide, given that **deleted**

although Jews make up only 0.2 % of the global population, they faced harassment in 88 countries in 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. *Is worried about growing antisemitism worldwide, given that although Jews make up only 0.2 % of the global population, they faced harassment in 88 countries in 2018;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 129

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Is worried about growing antisemitism worldwide, given that although Jews make up only 0.2 % of the global population, they faced harassment in 88 countries in 2018;

7. Is worried about growing antisemitism worldwide, given that although Jews make up only 0.2 % of the global population, they faced harassment in 88 countries in 2018; *is alarmed by the fact that antisemitism is reportedly growing worldwide, including in EU Member States, particularly online during the pandemic [1];*

[1]https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/combating-discrimination/racism-and-xenophobia/combating-antisemitism/monitoring-antisemitism_en

Amendment 130
Dragoş Tudorache

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Is worried about growing antisemitism worldwide, given that although Jews make up only 0.2 % of the global population, they faced harassment in 88 countries in 2018;

Amendment

7. Is worried about growing antisemitism worldwide, given that although Jews make up only 0.2 % of the global population, they faced harassment in 88 countries in 2018; ***is very concerned of the increasing number of hate incidents involving the representatives of the Jewish community, attacks on synagogues and Jewish cemeteries in Europe;***

Amendment 131
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Is concerned about the application of sharia, blasphemy and other religious laws over national laws in some countries, where discrimination based on religious ground is taught at school and where practices like female genital mutilation, forced conversions, birth control, abortions and marriages, among others forms of violence, are taking place in total impunity;

Amendment 132

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that the perpetrators of acts of persecution include authoritarian regimes, governments inclined to impose the supremacy of ***dominant*** ethnic or religious populations over minorities, terrorist organisations, political and religious extremist parties or groups, and also, sometimes, family members, friends and neighbours of victims, for instance when the latter change or abandon their religious allegiance;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that the perpetrators of acts of persecution include authoritarian regimes, governments inclined to impose the supremacy of ***certain*** ethnic or religious populations over minorities, terrorist organisations, political and religious extremist parties or groups, and also, sometimes, family members, friends and neighbours of victims, for instance when the latter change or abandon their religious allegiance ***or practise their religion differently than the traditional norms and doctrine;***

Or. en

Amendment 133

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises that the perpetrators of acts of persecution include authoritarian regimes, governments inclined to impose the supremacy of dominant ethnic or religious populations over minorities, terrorist organisations, political and religious extremist parties or groups, and also, sometimes, family members, friends and neighbours of victims, for instance when the latter change or abandon their religious allegiance;

Amendment

8. Emphasises that the perpetrators of acts of persecution include authoritarian ***and totalitarian*** regimes, governments inclined to impose the supremacy of dominant ethnic or religious populations over minorities, ***atheist States that consider any religion as a public enemy,*** terrorist organisations, political and religious extremist parties or groups, and also, sometimes, family members, friends and neighbours of victims, for instance when the latter change or abandon their religious allegiance;

Amendment 134

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Applauds churches' and faith based organisations' irreplaceable humanitarian activities in conflict-hit zones, assisting people in dire need regardless of denominational background;*****

Amendment 135

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Recognizes the important contribution of faith-based non-governmental organizations to development; acknowledges the growing role of some of these organizations in the fight against environmental degradation and in advocacy for peace and reconciliation;*****

Amendment 136

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The Middle East and North Africa

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 137

**María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries,
Samira Rafaela**

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The Middle East and North Africa

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 138

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The Middle East and North Africa

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 139

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The Middle East and North Africa

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 140

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Notes with particular concern that persecution of Christians is widespread in the Middle East, at times amounting to genocide, and has prompted an exodus of Christians from the region over the past two decades, resulting in approximately 15 million Christians making up 4 % of the population in the Middle East and North Africa, down from 20 % a century ago; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 141

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Notes with particular concern that persecution of Christians is widespread in the Middle East, at times amounting to genocide, and has prompted an exodus of Christians from the region over the past two decades, resulting in approximately 15 million Christians making up 4 % of the population in the Middle East and ***deleted***

North Africa, down from 20 % a century ago;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Notes with particular concern that persecution of Christians is widespread in the Middle East, at times amounting to genocide, and has prompted an exodus of Christians from the region over the past two decades, resulting in approximately 15 million Christians making up 4 % of the population in the Middle East and North Africa, down from 20 % a century ago; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 143

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Notes with particular concern that persecution of Christians is widespread in the Middle East, at times amounting to genocide, and has prompted an exodus of Christians from the region over the past two decades, resulting in approximately 15 million Christians making up 4 % of the population in the Middle East and North Africa, down from 20 % a century ago; *deleted*

ago;

Or. en

Amendment 144

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Javier Zarzalejos, György Hölvényi, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with particular concern that persecution of Christians is widespread in the Middle East, at times amounting to genocide, and has prompted an exodus of Christians from the region over the past two decades, resulting in approximately 15 million Christians making up 4 % of the population in the Middle East and North Africa, down from 20 % a century ago;

Amendment

9. Notes with particular concern that persecution of Christians is widespread in the Middle East, at times amounting to genocide, and has prompted an exodus of Christians from the region over the past two decades, resulting in approximately 15 million Christians making up 4 % of the population in the Middle East and North Africa, down from 20 % a century ago; ***is alarmed by the situation in Iraq, where there were 1.5 million Christians before 2003, a number now reduced by 87% within one generation to approximately 175,000;***

Or. en

Amendment 145

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with particular concern that persecution of Christians is widespread in the Middle East, at times amounting to genocide, and has prompted an exodus of Christians from the region over the past two decades, resulting in approximately 15

Amendment

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million Christians making up 4 % of the population in the Middle East and North Africa, down from 20 % a century ago;

million Christians making up 4 % of the population in the Middle East and North Africa, down from 20 % a century ago;
stresses in this respect the inalienable right to stay of discriminated and persecuted religious communities in their homelands;

Or. en

Amendment 146

Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Strongly deplores that millions of Christians have been uprooted from their homes, and that many have been killed, kidnapped, imprisoned, discriminated against and have had restrictions placed on their freedom of worship; notes that forms of persecution also exist in all aspects of social life, including in employment and education;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 147

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Strongly deplores that millions of Christians have been uprooted from their homes, and that many have been killed, kidnapped, imprisoned, discriminated against and have had restrictions placed

deleted

on their freedom of worship; notes that forms of persecution also exist in all aspects of social life, including in employment and education;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Strongly deplores that millions of Christians have been uprooted from their homes, and that many have been killed, kidnapped, imprisoned, discriminated against and have had restrictions placed on their freedom of worship; notes that forms of persecution also exist in all aspects of social life, including in employment and education;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 149
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Strongly deplores that millions of Christians have been uprooted from their homes, and that many have been killed, kidnapped, imprisoned, discriminated against and have had restrictions placed on their freedom of worship; notes that forms of persecution also exist in all aspects of social life, including in employment and education;

deleted

Amendment 150

Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Strongly **deplores** that millions of Christians have been uprooted from their homes, and that many have been killed, kidnapped, imprisoned, discriminated against and have had restrictions placed on their freedom of worship; notes that forms of persecution also exist in all aspects of social life, including in employment and education;

Amendment

10. Strongly **condemns the fact** that millions of Christians have been uprooted from their homes, and that many have been killed, kidnapped, imprisoned, discriminated against and have had restrictions placed on their freedom of worship; notes that forms of persecution also exist in all aspects of social life, including in employment and education;

Or. es

Amendment 151

Jérôme Rivière, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Strongly deplores that millions of Christians have been uprooted from their homes, and that many have been killed, kidnapped, imprisoned, discriminated against and have had restrictions placed on their freedom of worship; notes that forms of persecution also exist in all aspects of social life, including in employment and education;

Amendment

10. Strongly deplores that millions of Christians have been uprooted from their homes, and that many have been killed, kidnapped, imprisoned, discriminated against and have had restrictions placed on their freedom of worship; notes that forms of persecution also exist in all aspects of social life, including in employment and education; **condemns the Islamic law concepts involving the forced conversion of Christians, the persecution of Christians and the degrading status of ‘dhimmis’, according to which Christians are second-class citizens;**

Or. fr

Amendment 152

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Notes with deep concern the situation of Christians in Iraq, whose population was reduced by approximately 85% from 1.5 million in 2003 to around 200,000 today;

Or. en

Amendment 153

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 154

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 155

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 156

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic *deleted*

minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 157

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020;

Amendment

11. Recalls the **genocides**, crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020;

Amendment

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes, ***within the meaning of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)***, were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020;

Or. es

Amendment 159

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020;

Amendment

11. Recalls the crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed in Iraq and Syria by the so-called 'ISIS/Daesh' against Christians, Yazidis, Muslims and other religious and ethnic minorities in the territories under its control during the period 2014-2020; ***strongly condemns the numerous terror attacks against Christians in Egypt;***

Or. en

Amendment 160

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Underlines that the persecution of minority Muslim denominations or sects is widespread in the countries in the Middle East and North Africa in which Islam is the predominant or official religion;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 161

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Underlines that the persecution of minority Muslim denominations or sects is widespread in the countries in the Middle East and North Africa in which Islam is the predominant or official religion; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 162

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Underlines that the persecution of minority Muslim denominations or sects is widespread in the countries in the Middle East and North Africa in which Islam is the predominant or official religion; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 163

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Underlines that the persecution of minority Muslim denominations or sects is widespread in the countries in the Middle East and North Africa in which Islam is the predominant or official religion; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 164

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in society and even at state level, such as in Iran; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 165

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in society and even at state level, such as in Iran; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 166

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in society and even at state level, such as in Iran;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 167

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in society and even at state level, such as in Iran;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 168

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in

society and even at state level, such as in Iran;

society and even at state level, such as in Iran; *stresses that Jewish communities are an indigenous people to the Middle East; welcomes that in some countries, notably in Morocco, Tunisia, the UAE and Bahrain, Jewish communities continue to be able to exercise their freedom of worship; welcomes the restorations of the historic Alexandria synagogue in Egypt and the Maghen Abraham synagogue in Lebanon, despite both countries almost having no Jewish community members left; welcomes, furthermore, that in certain countries, notably Morocco and Bahrain, Jewish members have served and continue to serve as elected officials;*

Or. en

Amendment 169

Jérôme Rivière, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in society and even at state level, such as in Iran;

Amendment

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in society and even at state level, such as in Iran; *condemns the Algerian Government's systematic persecution of and discrimination against Christians, especially those who have converted to Christianity;*

Or. fr

Amendment 170

David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in society and even at state level, such as in Iran;

Amendment

13. Notes with particular concern that the Middle East and North Africa present the highest regional levels of anti-Semitic attitudes, and that Holocaust denial is prevalent among certain segments in society and even at state level, such as in Iran; ***therefore, reiterates its call for the European External Action Service (EEAS) to further strengthen its capacities to counter disinformation, hybrid warfare and propaganda, including through the creation of a dedicated StratCom Task Force focused on the Middle East, and Iran in particular;***

Or. en

Amendment 171

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about the persecution of Baha'is in the Middle East; strongly condemns the restrictions imposed on the Baha'i community by the Houthis in Yemen, the expulsion of community members from Qatar and the continued systematic arrests, imprisonment, torture and harassment of community members in Iran;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 172

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the persecution of Baha'is in the Middle East; strongly condemns the restrictions imposed on the Baha'i community by the Houthis in Yemen, the expulsion of community members from Qatar and the continued systematic arrests, imprisonment, torture and harassment of community members in Iran; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 173

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the persecution of Baha'is in the Middle East; strongly condemns the restrictions imposed on the Baha'i community by the Houthis in Yemen, the expulsion of community members from Qatar and the continued systematic arrests, imprisonment, torture and harassment of community members in Iran; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 174

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the persecution of Baha'is in the Middle East; strongly condemns the restrictions imposed on the Baha'i community by the Houthis in Yemen, the expulsion of community members from Qatar and the continued systematic arrests, imprisonment, torture and harassment of community members in Iran;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 175
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Deplores the fact that atheists *are still persecuted in almost all of the region* and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries; *expresses its regret that freedom of worship is severely limited in some of the countries in the Middle East, with the notable example of Saudi Arabia, where public practice of any religion other than Islam is strictly prohibited;*

15. Deplores the fact that atheists, *humanists and non-religious persons face persecution around the world, notably in the name of religion; underlines that the discrimination against these individuals may take multiple forms, including constitutional and legal barriers and restrictive and conservative societal norms and perceptions; denounces* that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted ***in almost all of the region*** and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries; ***expresses its regret that freedom of worship is severely limited in some of the countries in the Middle East, with the notable example of Saudi Arabia, where public practice of any religion other than Islam is strictly prohibited;***

Amendment

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted ***in almost all of the region*** and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries; ***expresses its regret that freedom of worship is severely limited in some of the countries in the Middle East, with the notable example of Saudi Arabia, where public practice of any religion other than Islam is strictly prohibited;***

Amendment

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries;

Or. en

Amendment 178

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted in almost all of the region and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries; ***expresses its regret that freedom of worship is severely limited in some of the countries in the Middle East, with the notable example of Saudi Arabia, where public practice of any religion other than Islam is strictly prohibited;***

Amendment

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted in almost all of the region and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted in almost all of the region and that apostasy ***carries*** the death sentence in several countries; expresses its regret that freedom of worship is severely limited in some of the countries in the Middle East, with the notable example of Saudi Arabia, where public practice of any religion other than Islam is strictly prohibited;

Amendment

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted in almost all of the region and that apostasy ***and atheism carry*** the death sentence in several countries; expresses its regret that freedom of worship is severely limited in some of the countries in the Middle East, with the notable example of Saudi Arabia, where public practice of any religion other than Islam is strictly prohibited;

Or. fr

Amendment 180
Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted in almost all of the region and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries; expresses its regret that freedom of worship is severely limited in some of the countries in the Middle East, with the notable example of Saudi Arabia, where public practice of any religion other than Islam is strictly prohibited;

Amendment

15. Deplores the fact that atheists are still persecuted in almost all of the region and that apostasy carries the death sentence in several countries; expresses its regret that freedom of worship is severely limited in some of the countries in the Middle East, with the notable example of Saudi Arabia, where public practice of any religion other than Islam is strictly prohibited; ***notes that according to the 2019 Arab Barometer survey, an increasing number of people in the Middle East and North Africa are identifying themselves as not religious, rising from 8% in 2013 to 13% in 2019, with a particular increase among the youth;***

Or. en

Amendment 181

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Asia

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 182

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Asia

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 183

**María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries,
Samira Rafaela**

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Asia

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 184

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Asia

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 185

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 186

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 187

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 188

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 189
Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, *especially in those* with *communist regimes*, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan;

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, *particularly in China*, with *numerous breaches of the fundamental freedoms and rights of Uyghurs*, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan; *in that connection, welcomes the release of Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel, but remains concerned about the fate of all those convicted under these laws in Pakistan;*

Or. fr

Amendment 190
György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec, Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious

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minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan;

minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan, ***that disproportionately target minorities, including Christians and Hindus; notes that in addition to the penalties, these laws create an environment and pretext that lead to riots and mob violence against religious minorities' communities and neighbourhoods as well as their temples, which create intimidation and social unrest among them;***

Or. en

Amendment 191
Janina Ochojska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan;

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are ***a cause*** of particular concern ***and fear and severely restrict freedom of expression***, particularly in Pakistan, ***where any attempts to amend or reform the laws have been stifled by threats and assassinations, and efforts to raise the issue in the media are met with threats, including from government representatives;***

Or. pl

Amendment 192
Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan;

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes ***such as China***, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan;

Or. en

Amendment 193
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan;

Amendment

16. Notes that persecution of religious minorities in Asia is commonplace in many countries, especially in those with communist regimes, and that blasphemy laws are of particular concern, particularly in Pakistan ***and in other countries in the region, such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Nepal***;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Is alarmed that religious nationalism in countries such as India,

Turkey, Bhutan, Malaysia, Laos, Myanmar and Nepal leads to stigmatization of Christians as allies of the West and that 2 out of 5 Christians in Asia experience persecution or discrimination for their faith; draws attention to the worsening situations in China and India in particular;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Is gravely concerned about the situation of religious minorities in China, including the situation of Christians and Falun Gong practitioners, and the Chinese government's continued suppression of the right to freedom of religion or belief;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 197

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 198

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 199

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population; *deleted*

Amendment 200

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population;

Amendment

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the ***crimes against humanity against the Uyghur people by the Chinese authorities, and*** past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population, ***which, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, amount to genocide; points to the gravity of crimes perpetrated over the last years by the Russian Federation as an occupying force against Crimean Tartars;***

Amendment 201

Dragoş Tudorache

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population;

Amendment

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses ***and discriminatory and exclusionary policies*** against the Muslim Rohingya population ***and stresses the need to increase the humanitarian aid to refugees who fled to nearby countries;***

Amendment 202
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population;

Amendment

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against ***and the ethnic cleansing of*** the Muslim Rohingya population;

Or. en

Amendment 203
David Lega, Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population;

Amendment

17. Deplores the crimes against Muslim communities in Asia, including the past and current human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya population; ***recognises the ongoing genocide against the Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang, China; condemns in the strongest possible terms China's crimes against humanity;***

Or. en

Amendment 204
Petras Auštrevičius, Klemen Grošelj, Frédérique Ries, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Deplores the genocide of Uyghurs

in China, along with persecution of members of other religious communities in attempts to discourage religious practice; condemns Chinese government's efforts to interfere into the process of naming the successor of the Dalai Lama;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Condemns in the strongest possible terms the Chinese government-led system of forced labour in Xinjiang; urges the Chinese government to end the systematic persecution of Uyghurs, including the excruciating fact that Uyghur women are specifically targeted by the authorities, implementing an official scheme of targeted birth prevention measures, including forcing women of childbearing age to abortions, intrauterine injections and sterilisation, measures that could meet the criteria for belonging to the worst crimes against humanity;

Or. en

Amendment 206
Dragoș Tudorache

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Deplores the extreme persecution of the Chinese government against

millions of Uyghurs and other minorities detained in the region of Xinjiang, on the basis of their religion and ethnicity, often labelled as extremists for simply practicing their belief;

Or. en

Amendment 207

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Deeply deplores the ongoing persecution and the serious and systematic human rights violations that amount to crimes against humanity in China against Uyghur and other Muslim minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 208

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Notes with particular concern the situation of Muslims in Cambodia, who are facing discrimination daily, most recently in the context of being accused of spreading the COVID-19 virus in Cambodia;

Or. en

Amendment 209

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the situation of Buddhists; takes special note of the difficult situation faced by Buddhists in Vietnam; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 210

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the situation of Buddhists; takes special note of the difficult situation faced by Buddhists in Vietnam; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 211

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the situation of Buddhists; takes special note of the difficult situation faced by Buddhists in Vietnam; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 212

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the situation of Buddhists; takes special note of the difficult situation faced by Buddhists in Vietnam; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 213

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the situation of Buddhists; takes special note of the difficult situation faced by Buddhists in Vietnam;

18. Is concerned about the situation of Buddhists, *especially their ongoing persecution in China, which is home to half of the world's Buddhist population*; takes special note of the difficult situation faced by Buddhists in Vietnam *as well as the harassment of Tibetan Buddhists by the Chinese government*;

Or. en

Amendment 214

David Lega, Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Is concerned about the situation of Buddhists; takes special note of the difficult situation faced by Buddhists in Vietnam;

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the situation of Buddhists; takes special note of the difficult situation faced by Buddhists in Vietnam *and Tibet; condemns the intensified surveillance and control of the Tibetan monastic community as well as Chinese government interferences in Tibetan Buddhism's unique culture;*

Or. en

Amendment 215

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Underlines that Hindus continued to be harassed in 19 countries in 2018, most notably in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 216

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Underlines that Hindus continued to be harassed in 19 countries in 2018, most notably in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 217

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Underlines that Hindus continued to be harassed in 19 countries in 2018, most notably in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 218

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Underlines that Hindus continued to be harassed in 19 countries in 2018, most notably in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 219

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec, Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Condemns the violence and attacks by radical Hindus in India against religious minorities, including mobs;

Amendment 220
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Expresses deep concern on the enactment of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens in India, which, according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, “is fundamentally discriminatory in nature against Muslims and dangerously divisive” [1];

[1]<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/12/1053511>

Amendment 221
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches;

deleted

Amendment 222
Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 223

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 224

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 225

Jérôme Rivière, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches;

Amendment

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers ***from Islamist jihadist groups*** carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches;

Or. fr

Amendment 226

Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches;

Amendment

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches; ***notes with concern the persecution of Christians in certain countries in Asia, where one in three Christians is facing some level of persecution and there has been an increase in cases of Christians convicted for professing their faith;***

Or. es

Amendment 227

Petras Auštrevičius, Klemen Grošelj, Frédérique Ries, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches;

Amendment

20. Strongly condemns terror attacks on places of worship, including the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, when nine suicide bombers carried out a series of attacks, including on three churches, ***and increasing numbers of attacks against worshippers in Afghanistan, including May 2021 attack at Sunni mosque in Kabul, which took place during a cease-fire to celebrate the Eid holiday and killed at least 12 people;***

Or. en

Amendment 228
Janina Ochojska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Deplores the plight of the 180 000 Jehovah's Witnesses in Russia, whose activities were banned by the Supreme Court in 2017, and points out that any attempts to assemble to read the Bible were subject to an additional ban a year later, and that as a result they cannot meet openly, and face prison sentences of between 2 and 10 years if they do attend such meetings; condemns the actions taken against Jehovah's Witnesses by the police and security services, including searches of private homes, criminal proceedings, house arrest, travel bans and ultimately the conviction and imprisonment of several hundred people;

Or. pl

Amendment 229

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sub-Saharan Africa

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 230

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sub-Saharan Africa

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 231

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sub-Saharan Africa

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 232

**María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries,
Samira Rafaela**

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sub-Saharan Africa

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 233

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Notes with particular concern the rise of terrorist groups and militias in several parts of Africa, including in the Sahel, Nigeria and Mozambique, and of terrorist violence against religious minorities; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 234

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Notes with particular concern the rise of terrorist groups and militias in several parts of Africa, including in the Sahel, Nigeria and Mozambique, and of terrorist violence against religious minorities; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 235

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Notes with particular concern the rise of terrorist groups and militias in several parts of Africa, including in the Sahel, Nigeria and Mozambique, and of terrorist violence against religious minorities; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 236

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Notes with particular concern the rise of terrorist groups and militias in several parts of Africa, including in the Sahel, Nigeria and Mozambique, and of terrorist violence against religious minorities; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 237

Jérôme Rivière, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Notes with particular concern the rise of terrorist groups and militias in

21. Notes with particular concern the rise of terrorist groups and *Islamist* militias

several parts of Africa, including in the Sahel, Nigeria and Mozambique, and of terrorist violence against religious minorities;

in several parts of Africa, including in the Sahel, Nigeria and Mozambique, and of terrorist violence against religious minorities;

Or. fr

Amendment 238

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Highlights the many consequences that the systematic and bloody unpunished terrorist violence and attacks have in an area populated by more than 1.1 billion people, including destitution, famine, and loss of prospects, including brain drain, for generations to come; stresses the impact of the violence and instability in the creation of favourable conditions for millions of individuals to leave their home countries and look for asylum or better life outside, providing mass movements of people to neighbouring countries or to others, falling many times in the hands of traffickers and smugglers;

Or. en

Amendment 239

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec, Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Recalls that after major defeats of 'ISIS/Daesh' in Syria and the Middle

East, the terror organisation is gaining new ground through its affiliates in the Sahel, among others in Mali and Burkina Faso, aiming at imposing its rule and violent ideology in the area;

Or. en

Amendment 240
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Strongly condemns, in this regard, the violence, including murder, kidnapping and burning of places of worship, committed by terrorist and militant groups against Christian and Muslim communities in Nigeria, Mozambique and the Central African Republic; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 241
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Strongly condemns, in this regard, the violence, including murder, kidnapping and burning of places of worship, committed by terrorist and militant groups against Christian and Muslim communities in Nigeria, Mozambique and the Central African Republic; **deleted**

Amendment 242

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Strongly condemns, in this regard, the violence, including murder, kidnapping and burning of places of worship, committed by terrorist and militant groups against Christian and Muslim communities in Nigeria, Mozambique and the Central African Republic; *deleted*

Amendment 243

Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Samira Rafaela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Strongly condemns, in this regard, the violence, including murder, kidnapping and burning of places of worship, committed by terrorist and militant groups against Christian and Muslim communities in Nigeria, Mozambique and the Central African Republic; *deleted*

Amendment 244

Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Strongly condemns, in this regard, the violence, including murder, kidnapping and burning of places of worship, committed by terrorist and militant groups against Christian and Muslim communities in Nigeria, Mozambique and the Central African Republic;

Amendment

22. Strongly condemns, in this regard, the violence, including murder, kidnapping, ***in particular, this of Leah Sharibu who, to this day, is still missing,*** and burning of places of worship, committed by terrorist and militant groups against Christian and Muslim communities in Nigeria, Mozambique, ***Democratic Republic of the Congo*** and the Central African Republic;

Or. en

Amendment 245
Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Strongly condemns the persecution of Christians in some regions of Africa, where more than 120 million Christians face high, severe or extreme persecution, especially in Libya, Nigeria, Somalia, and also in Eritrea where Christians are arrested for professing their faith;

Or. es

Amendment 246
Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Javier Zarzalejos, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Particularly underlines the alarming situation in Nigeria, where 3530 Christians were killed in 2020;

Or. en

**Amendment 247
Dragoş Tudorache**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Is deeply concerned of the rampant kidnapping for ransom of Christians in Nigeria by apparently loosely organised insurgents and the use of the ransom money to fund Boko Haram;

Or. en

**Amendment 248
György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Emphasises the need to investigate and prosecute the murdering, kidnapping, raping, wounding and other crimes committed against Christian farmers in the Middle Belt of Nigeria, and encourages the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to enlarge the ongoing investigations for the crimes against humanity and war crimes presumably committed by Boko Haram, adding the mentioned crimes committed

by jihadist Fulani militias in the Middle Belt, that have already provoked thousands of killings;

Or. en

Amendment 249

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Tackling key challenges posed by the persecution against religious minorities

Amendment

Tackling key challenges posed by the persecution against *belief or* religious minorities

Or. en

Amendment 250

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Tackling key challenges posed by the persecution against religious minorities

Amendment

Tackling key challenges posed by the persecution against religious *and belief* minorities

Or. en

Amendment 251

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Stresses, in accordance with the 1948 UN Genocide Convention, the primary responsibility of any state to protect its population against genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, including when committed against religious minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 252

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Emphasises the need to work towards preventing acts of violence based on religion or belief, especially of international crimes, such as war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, including by way of implementing the UN Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 253

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Recommends the Council, the Commission, the EEAS and EU Member States to introduce mechanisms that would enable them to monitor early warning signs and risk factors of

international crimes, including as per the UN Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes, analyse them and make relevant determinations and provide comprehensive responses, including in accordance with the duty to prevent and punish the crime of genocide under Article I of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

Or. en

Amendment 254
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations against religious minorities around the world;

Amendment

23. ***Calls on governments to address and counter hate speech against religious or belief minorities in both online and offline communications;*** stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious ***or belief*** minorities ***including by prosecuting those responsible, holding them accountable and ensuring that victims have effective access to justice and remedy;*** calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations against religious ***or belief*** minorities around the world;

Or. en

Amendment 255
David Lega, Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations against religious minorities around the world;

Amendment

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations against religious minorities around the world; ***therefore, reiterates its call for immediate actions to address the growing human rights crisis in Xinjiang, at least to investigate the reported ethnic and religious persecution across the region; calls in this regard for the establishment of an independent UN monitoring mechanism on human rights in China, which could include a UN Special Rapporteur, a HRC Panel of Experts or a Special Envoy; supports calls for the UNHRC to hold a special session on the crisis;***

Or. en

Amendment 256
Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations against

Amendment

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations against religious minorities around the world; ***and***

religious minorities around the world;

***calls for support for the role of the
International Criminal Court in dealing
with the most serious crimes;***

Or. es

Amendment 257

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations against religious minorities around the world;

Amendment

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to ***belief or*** religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of ***additional*** UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations against ***belief and*** religious minorities around the world;

Or. en

Amendment 258

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations ***against***

Amendment

23. Stresses the paramount importance of holding accountable perpetrators of human rights abuses against persons belonging to religious minorities; calls on the EU and Member States to urgently work towards the establishment of UN mechanisms and committees to investigate current human rights violations ***based on***

religious minorities around the world;

religion or belief around the world;

Or. en

Amendment 259

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Stresses the need to ensure justice for survivors and families of victims, including by way of ensuring comprehensive investigations of atrocities, the prosecution of perpetrators for their crimes, and providing just reparations for survivors and families of victims;

Or. en

Amendment 260

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Notes with concern that most religious-based hate crimes remain underreported and unprosecuted worldwide; calls on governments to establish comprehensive data collection system on religious hate crimes and other discriminatory acts against religious or belief communities; underlines that data should be disaggregated by gender, age, disability, sexual orientation or other axes of differentiation to better understand the intersectional dimension of religious hatred, as well as to protect and provide remedy to those experiencing religious

hate crimes on intersecting grounds;

Or. en

Amendment 261

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls on the Council, the Commission, the EEAS and EU Member States to work with third countries for the adoption of measures to prevent and fight hate crime, and for the adoption of legislation that is fully compliant with international standards on the freedom of expression and the freedom of belief and religion;

Or. en

Amendment 262

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic violations of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 263

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic violations of ***the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities***, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;

Amendment

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic ***abuses or*** violations of ***freedom of religion or belief***, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime (***EU Magnitsky Act***); ***notes that the Rome Statute covers both crimes against humanity and genocide based on the persecution of groups on the basis of religion or belief and establishes a fundamental international legal framework to fight impunity; calls on the EU and its Member States to increase their political and financial support to the International Criminal Court and calls on UN member states to commit to the fight against impunity in this context through the ratification of the Rome Statute;***

Or. en

Amendment 264

David Lega, Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic violations of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, ***as provided for by*** the EU

Amendment

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply ***more*** sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic violations of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, ***more efficiently using*** the EU

Amendment 265

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in **systematic** violations of the rights of persons belonging to **religious** minorities, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;

Amendment

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in **serious** violations **or abuses** of the rights of persons belonging to minorities **on grounds of belief or religion**, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;

Amendment 266

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic violations of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;

Amendment

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic violations of the rights of persons belonging to **belief or** religious minorities, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;

Amendment 267

Petras Auštrevičius, Klemen Grošelj, Frédérique Ries, Nathalie Loiseau, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic violations of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime;

Amendment

24. Calls on the Council and EU Member States to apply sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for or involved in systematic violations of the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, as provided for by the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime (*EU Magnitsky Act*);

Or. en

Amendment 268

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Is appalled by the exacerbation of persecution against **religious** minority groups during the COVID-19 pandemic; denounces the fact that persons belonging to **religious** minorities have been scapegoated, blamed for spreading the COVID-19 virus, and have been denied or faced discrimination in access to public healthcare, food or humanitarian aid, on the basis of **religious** or belief **criteria**;

Amendment

25. Is appalled by the exacerbation of persecution against minority groups during the COVID-19 pandemic; denounces the fact that persons belonging to minorities have been scapegoated, blamed for spreading the COVID-19 virus, and have been denied or faced discrimination in access to public healthcare, food or humanitarian aid, on the basis of **their religion** or belief;

Or. en

Amendment 269

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Is appalled by the exacerbation of persecution against religious **minority groups** during the COVID-19 pandemic; denounces the fact that persons belonging to religious minorities have been scapegoated, blamed for spreading the COVID-19 virus, and have been denied or faced discrimination in access to public healthcare, food or humanitarian aid, on the basis of religious or belief criteria;

Amendment

25. Is appalled by the exacerbation of persecution against religious **and belief minorities** during the COVID-19 pandemic; denounces the fact that persons belonging to religious **and belief** minorities have been scapegoated, blamed for spreading the COVID-19 virus, and have been denied or faced discrimination in access to public healthcare, food or humanitarian aid, on the basis of religious or belief criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 270

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Is appalled by the exacerbation of persecution against religious minority groups during the COVID-19 pandemic; denounces the fact that persons belonging to religious minorities have been scapegoated, blamed for spreading the COVID-19 virus, and have been denied or faced discrimination in access to public healthcare, food or humanitarian aid, on the basis of religious **or belief** criteria;

Amendment

25. Is appalled by the exacerbation of persecution against **belief or** religious minority groups during the COVID-19 pandemic; denounces the fact that persons belonging to **belief or** religious minorities have been scapegoated, blamed for spreading the COVID-19 virus, and have been denied or faced discrimination in access to public healthcare, food or humanitarian aid, on the basis of **belief or** religious criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 271

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Is appalled by the exacerbation of persecution against religious minority groups during the COVID-19 pandemic; denounces the fact that persons belonging to religious minorities have been scapegoated, blamed for spreading the COVID-19 virus, and have been denied or faced discrimination in access to public healthcare, food or humanitarian aid, on the basis of religious or belief criteria;

Amendment

25. Is appalled by the exacerbation of persecution against religious minority groups during the COVID-19 pandemic; denounces the fact that persons belonging to religious minorities have been scapegoated, blamed for spreading the COVID-19 virus, and have been denied or faced discrimination in access to public healthcare, food or humanitarian aid, on the basis of religious or belief criteria, ***as for example concerning Christians in India, who were dismissed from food distribution points, or in North Vietnam, where Christian families were denied coronavirus-related government aid because of their faith;***

Or. en

Amendment 272

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Calls on the EU and its Member States to recognize the rights, beliefs and values of indigenous peoples, and to commit to address the specific discrimination of indigenous populations based on their beliefs, in a comprehensive manner through EU's external action;

Or. en

Amendment 273

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. ***Underlines that*** women belonging to religious minorities ***have*** been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that ***they*** are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious;

Amendment

26. ***Deplores that violence and crimes against religious or belief minorities have been carried out along gendered lines with*** women belonging to religious minorities ***having*** been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that ***women*** are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual ***and gender-based*** violence, forced conversion, ***forced sterilization and abortion***, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious;

Or. en

Amendment 274

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Underlines that women belonging to religious minorities have been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that they are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious;

Amendment

26. Underlines that women belonging to religious ***and belief*** minorities have been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; ***condemns all types of gender-based violence against women;*** stresses that they are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, ***rape and*** sexual violence, forced conversion, ***female genital mutilation, beatings***, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their

human rights situation even more precarious; ***strongly condemns the use of forced sterilization against women as an extremely violent form of persecution;***

Or. en

Amendment 275
Janina Ochojska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Underlines that women belonging to religious minorities have been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that they are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious;

Amendment

26. Underlines that women ***and girls*** belonging to religious minorities have been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that they are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious, ***as well as further restricting access to information and contact with them;***

Or. pl

Amendment 276
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Underlines that women belonging to religious minorities have been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that they

Amendment

26. Underlines that women belonging to ***belief or*** religious minorities have been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that they

are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious;

are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious; ***calls to devote particular attention to abolishing practices and legislation that discriminate against them;***

Or. en

Amendment 277

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Underlines that women belonging to religious minorities have been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that they are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious;

Amendment

26. Underlines that women belonging to religious ***or belief*** minorities have been specifically and increasingly targeted with the purpose of inflicting harm on their community as a whole; stresses that they are particularly exposed to violent attacks, kidnapping, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced and early marriage and domestic incarceration, and that lockdown measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic have made their human rights situation even more precarious;

Or. en

Amendment 278

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. *Deplores the atrocities against religious minority women and girls, that include but are not limited to abductions, forced conversions, forced marriages, rape and sexual abuse, forced abortions and forced sterilisations;*

Or. en

Amendment 279

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. *Denounces all forms of violence and coercion, including public expression of hostility by religious leaders, perpetrated against women, girls and LGBT+ persons justified with reference to religious practice or belief; calls for the repeal of discriminatory laws, enacted with reference to religious considerations, that criminalize adultery, that criminalize persons on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, that criminalize abortion in all cases or that facilitate religious practices that violate human rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 280

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Condemns the imposition of discriminatory norms based on gender and sexuality rooted in religious orthodoxy, which are often translated into national legislation as secular restrictions; stresses that the defence of "tradition" or "public morality" cannot contradict, in any case, international human rights provisions subscribed by States; expresses deep concern about the situation of LGBTI+ and transgender people, women and girls who, in many contexts, see their conduct criminalized, are subject to gender-related violence and whose access to basic services such as health and education is restricted on the basis of narrow interpretations of religious beliefs or principles, which are often instrumentalized to justify discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 281
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Underlines that the right to freedom of religion or belief can never be invoked by governments to justify laws, policies and practices that deny women's rights and equal personhood of LGBTIQ+ people; reaffirms that freedom of religion cannot be instrumentalized as pretext to violate women's sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as to discriminate against sexual and gender minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 282

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Deplores the instrumentalization of religion or beliefs to restrict sexual and reproductive rights and women's access to safe and free abortion worldwide;

Or. en

Amendment 283

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Deplores the ongoing rollback and regression on sexual and reproductive rights of women and girl and rights of LGBTI persons, notably under the guise of religious principles or doctrine; notes that intersectional factors, including religion and belonging to minority groups, increase the risk of discrimination under this regressive trend;

Or. en

Amendment 284

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Condemns the use by **authoritarian regimes** of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion and gatherings of believers, and to deter the registration of religious associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

Amendment

27. Condemns the use by **State actors** of legislation on security, **or security imperatives**, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute **or criminalize** persons belonging to **belief and** religious minorities, to outlaw **or restrict** the practise or expression of their **belief or** religion and gatherings of believers, and to deter the **membership and** registration of **belief or** religious associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 285

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Condemns the use **by authoritarian regimes** of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion **and gatherings of believers**, and to deter the registration of religious associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of

Amendment

27. Condemns the use of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious **or belief** minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion **or belief**, and to deter the registration of religious **and belief-related** associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of such legislation, and to

such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 286

Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Condemns the use by authoritarian regimes of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion ***and gatherings of believers***, and to deter the registration of religious associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

Amendment

27. Condemns the use by authoritarian regimes of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious ***and belief*** minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion ***or belief***, and to deter the registration of religious ***or belief*** associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 287

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Javier Zarzalejos, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Condemns the use by authoritarian regimes of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion and gatherings of believers, and to deter the registration of religious associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

Amendment

27. Condemns the use by authoritarian regimes of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion and gatherings of believers, and to deter the registration of religious associations ***or finding pretexts for closing churches such as in China and Algeria***; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 288
David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Condemns the use by authoritarian regimes of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion and gatherings of believers, and to deter the registration of religious associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor carefully the implementation of

Amendment

27. Condemns the use by authoritarian regimes of legislation on security, sedition and the fight against terrorism and extremism as an instrument to persecute persons belonging to religious minorities, to outlaw the practise or expression of their religion and gatherings of believers, and to deter the registration ***of or finding pretexts for the closure*** of religious associations; calls on the Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) to monitor

such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

carefully the implementation of such legislation, and to consistently raise this issue in bilateral dialogues with the governments concerned; urges EU Member States to reject any request by foreign authorities for judicial and police cooperation in individual judicial cases if they are based on such legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 289

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Strongly condemns the use of coercive detention of belief and religious minorities in State-run re-education camps; deplores the actions of State authorities to force learning the dominant language, sing praises of the dominant party and renounce their religion in the internment camps; strongly condemns the use of forced labour of belief or religious minorities in State controlled factories; and the massive use of digital surveillance technologies to monitor and control population belonging to belief or religious minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 290

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Strongly condemns any practice of coercive detention, forced labour and exploitation of belief or religious' minorities as well as the extensive use of digital surveillance technologies to monitor and control population belonging to belief or religious minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 291

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27b. Condemns the intensified surveillance, attempts to control the functioning, practices and leadership of religious communities and minorities by some countries and the interference in their systems of belief;

Or. en

Amendment 292

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Deplores the misuse of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other highly sophisticated technical tools by totalitarian and authoritarian states to increase the level of surveillance, control and repression on minority religious communities and their members;

Amendment 293

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27b. Deplores the restriction on access to legal documentation and registration for organizations and individuals belonging to religious and belief minorities, and recalls that legal identity is a right that must be guaranteed for all citizens on an equal manner;

Amendment 294

Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world, **including Member States of the European Union**, enforce laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

Amendment 295

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people ***belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason***, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

Amendment

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people ***on grounds of religion or belief***, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws; ***deplores in this context, that at least 9 EU Member States maintain criminal blasphemy or religious insult laws and underscores that the EU's external action in support of freedom of religion and belief would gain in credibility and legitimacy by addressing this internal situation;***

Amendment 296

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Deplores the fact that ***more than 70*** countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation

Amendment

28. Deplores the fact that ***in some*** countries in the world ***authorities*** enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new

which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence, ***or use laws against provoking religious offence to arbitrarily detain and ill-treat minorities on the ground of belief or religion, or claim violation of public order laws or law against incitement to violence without sufficient evidence to justify such charges***; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to ***belief or*** religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

Or. en

Amendment 297
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

Amendment

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy, ***defamation of religion*** and conversion, including the death sentence; ***reiterates its strong opposition to the death penalty and calls on governments to repeal the blasphemy, heresy and apostasy laws, some of which have resulted in death sentences and have fomented a climate of religious intolerance, violence and discrimination***; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all

countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

Or. en

Amendment 298

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious **and belief** minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

Or. en

Amendment 299

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws; ***underlines that converts leaving a majority faith often experience the most severe violations including imprisonment, forced divorce, abduction, physical violence and murder;***

Or. en

Amendment 300

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Javier Zarzalejos, Antonio López-Istúriz White, György Hölvényi, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws;

Amendment

28. Deplores the fact that more than 70 countries in the world enforce criminal laws or seek to introduce new legislation which provide for punishments for blasphemy, apostasy and conversion, including the death sentence; notes that laws already in place are used disproportionately against people belonging to religious minorities, and are thus seen, with good reason, as an instrument of oppression; calls for the EU to intensify its political dialogue with all countries concerned with a view to repeal those laws; ***underlines that converts leaving a majority faith often experience the most severe violations including imprisonment, forced divorce, abduction, physical violence and murder;***

Or. en

Amendment 301

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Denounces the recourse to denunciations of blasphemy, apostasy or other accusations based on religious grounds, in order to crack down on human rights defenders in relation to their legitimate activities, including on the Internet and social media, and more broadly to restrict civil society space;

Or. en

Amendment 302

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Notes the need to protect the lawyers, NGOs and members of the civil society that help, collaborate and defend those who are persecuted on the grounds of belief or religion;

Or. en

Amendment 303

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28b. Stresses the need to eliminate

discrimination in the field of employment, education, access to justice and effective remedies, housing, and healthcare; underlines the need to work with human rights institutions and organisations to monitor the compliance, examine complaint and repeal laws and policies that discriminate or persecute minorities on the ground of belief or religion;

Or. en

Amendment 304

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28b. *Stresses that States that have compulsory military service should allow for conscientious objection, including on grounds of religion or belief, and provide for an alternative national service;*

Or. en

Amendment 305

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. *Considers that religious illiteracy, as well as the lack of knowledge and recognition of the role that religions play for a large part of humankind, fuel bias and stereotypes that contribute to increase tensions, misunderstanding and disrespectful and unfair treatment related to attitudes and behaviour of large parts*

of the population; stresses the importance of education for preserving and building freedom of religion or belief worldwide and fighting intolerance;

Or. en

Amendment 306

Petras Auštrevičius, Klemen Grošelj, Frédérique Ries, Nathalie Loiseau, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Underlines the importance of strategic approaches and educational initiatives aimed at addressing religious intolerance and hate speech, encouraging interreligious and intercultural dialogue, and building mutual respect and understanding;

Or. en

Amendment 307

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28c. Recalls that, as stated by the UN Human Rights Council, public education that includes instruction in a particular religion or belief is inconsistent with the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, unless provision is made for non-discriminatory exemptions or alternatives that would accommodate the wishes of persons and guardians;

Amendment 308
György Hölvényi, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Stresses the importance of intercultural dialogue, including interfaith dialogue as a catalyst for reconciliation that can contribute to heal the scars of war and rebuild society, to ensure an adequate vision for the future while learning to live together peacefully and constructively in a multicultural context, developing a sense of community, belonging and mutual trust to envisage a peaceful common future, thus the EU shall use the collaboration in the protection of cultural heritage as a confidence building measure between religions, communities, ethnic groups and states including the protection of cultural heritage as part of CSDP missions planning and operational documents and ensure relevant expertise in the field;

Or. en

Amendment 309
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28c. Underlines the importance of civil society initiatives in tackling the persecution of minorities on the ground of belief and religion, and in promoting a multi-layered holistic approach that

encompass human rights, conflict resolution, development, and interfaith and interreligious initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 310
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. *Highlights the important role that religious leaders and actors have on preventing violence and its incitement by disseminating messages of peace, tolerance, mutual respect and by taking effective actions to reduce tensions between religious communities;*

Or. en

Amendment 311
Petras Auštrevičius, Klemen Grošelj, Frédérique Ries, Nathalie Loiseau, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28b. *Deplores destruction and damage to the religious sites, which constitute an integral part of the cultural heritage, and calls for their protection and restoration;*

Or. en

Amendment 312
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Strengthening EU human rights foreign policy and external actions to ***address the persecution of*** religious ***minorities***

Amendment

Strengthening EU human rights foreign policy and external actions to ***protect the freedom of belief and*** religious ***of persons belonging to minority groups***

Or. en

Amendment 313
Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Strengthening EU human rights foreign policy and external actions to address the persecution of religious minorities

Amendment

Strengthening EU human rights foreign policy and external actions to address the persecution of ***belief or*** religious minorities

Or. en

Amendment 314
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. ***Welcomes*** the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate; ***recommends*** that the Special Envoy works

Amendment

29. ***Takes note of*** the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; ***deplores that the Commission did not carry out a transparent and comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness and added value of the position of the Special Envoy in the process of the renewal of this***

closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights *and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM)*, and *reiterates its calls* on the *Council and the Commission to adequately support* the Special *Envoy's institutional mandate, capacity and duties*;

mandate, as requested by the Parliament; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate; *insists* that the Special Envoy works closely *and in a complementary manner* with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, *and reports annually* on the *countries visited and his thematic priorities*; *encourages* the Special *Envoy not to neglect the situation of non-believers and to enhance his outreach and advocacy in relation to the non-confessional dimension of his* mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 315

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. *Welcomes* the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion *or* belief; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate; recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to *adequately support* the Special *Envoy's institutional mandate, capacity and duties*;

Amendment

29. *Takes note of* the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of *belief or religion*; *reiterates its calls on the Commission to guarantee transparency in the nomination, mandate, activities and reporting obligations of the Special Envoy and to ensure commitment to the universality, indivisibility and interdependence of all human rights and to European values*; *stresses that the Special Envoy's duties should focus on promoting freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief, and the rights to non-belief, apostasy and the espousal of atheistic views, also paying attention to the situation of non-believers at risk*; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate;

recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to *carry out a transparent and comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness and added value of the position of the Special Envoy*;

Or. en

Amendment 316

Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. ***Welcomes*** the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate; recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to adequately support the Special Envoy's institutional mandate, capacity and duties;

Amendment

29. ***Particularly welcomes*** the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate; recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to adequately support the Special Envoy's institutional mandate, capacity and duties, ***and provide him with the necessary resources***;

Or. es

Amendment 317

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Welcomes the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important **part** of his mandate; recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to adequately support the Special Envoy's institutional mandate, capacity and duties;

Amendment

29. Welcomes the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; calls on the Commission to **provide adequate resources and to** include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important **parts** of his mandate; recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to adequately support the Special Envoy's institutional mandate, capacity and duties;

Or. en

Amendment 318

Karol Karski, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión, Charlie Weimers, Carlo Fidanza, Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Welcomes the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate; recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to adequately support the Special Envoy's institutional mandate,

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capacity and duties;

capacity and duties *with adequate financial and human resources*;

Or. en

Amendment 319

David Lega, Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Welcomes the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate; recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to adequately support the Special Envoy's institutional mandate, capacity and duties;

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29. Welcomes the recent appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides as the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief; calls on the Commission to include objectives for the fight against persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion as important part of his mandate; recommends that the Special Envoy works closely with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM), and reiterates its calls on the Council and the Commission to adequately support the Special Envoy's institutional mandate, capacity and duties; *regrets that the Special Envoy position was left vacant for more than a year before the appointment of Mr Christos Stylianides; believes that the position should always be renewed as soon as possible*;

Or. en

Amendment 320

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls on the Council, the Commission, EEAS and EU Member States to address persecutions based on belief or religion as **a priority** of EU human rights foreign policy, in line with the EU action plan for human rights and democracy for 2020-2024; stresses that a multi-layered and multi-actor approach is needed to protect and promote freedom of religion or belief, encompassing human rights, conflict resolution and **interfaith initiatives that involve** multiple state and non-state actors; reiterates its call for a public review of the EU Guidelines on freedom of religion or belief, allowing for the assessment of their implementation and of proposals for their update; also calls for progress reports on the implementation of the Guidelines to be communicated regularly to Parliament;

Amendment

30. Calls on the Council, the Commission, EEAS and EU Member States to address persecutions based on belief or religion as **an important element** of EU human rights foreign policy, in line with the EU action plan for human rights and democracy for 2020-2024; stresses that a multi-layered and multi-actor approach is needed to protect and promote freedom of religion or belief, encompassing human rights, **dialogue and mediation**, conflict resolution and **prevention in cooperation with** multiple state and non-state actors **such as faith-based organisations, religious leaders and actors, non-believer's groups, civil society organizations and human rights defenders; calls for enhanced cooperation with UN initiatives on this matter;** reiterates its call for a public review of the EU Guidelines on freedom of religion or belief, allowing for the assessment of their implementation and of proposals for their update; also calls for progress reports on the implementation of the Guidelines to be communicated regularly to Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 321

Karol Karski, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión, Charlie Weimers, Carlo Fidanza, Peter van Dalen

**Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

30. Calls on the Council, the Commission, EEAS and EU Member States to address persecutions based on belief or religion as a priority of EU human rights foreign policy, in line with the EU action plan for human rights and

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democracy for 2020-2024; stresses that a multi-layered and multi-actor approach is needed to protect and promote freedom of religion or belief, encompassing human rights, conflict resolution and interfaith initiatives that involve multiple state and non-state actors; reiterates its call for a public review of the EU Guidelines on freedom of religion or belief, allowing for the assessment of their implementation and of proposals for their update; also calls for progress reports on the implementation of the Guidelines to be communicated regularly to Parliament;

democracy for 2020-2024; stresses that a multi-layered and multi-actor approach is needed to protect and promote freedom of religion or belief, encompassing human rights, conflict resolution and interfaith initiatives that involve multiple state and non-state actors; reiterates its call for a public review of the EU Guidelines on freedom of religion or belief, allowing for the assessment of their implementation and of proposals for their update; ***notes that the EU Guidelines provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public***; also calls for progress reports on the implementation of the Guidelines to be communicated regularly to Parliament; ***considers that such evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation, in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones and subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be included in the EU Annual Reports on Human Rights and Democracy in the World***;

Or. en

Amendment 322

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls on the Council, the Commission, EEAS and EU Member States to address persecutions based on belief or religion as a priority of EU human rights foreign policy, in line with the EU action plan for human rights and democracy for 2020-2024; stresses that a

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multi-layered and multi-actor approach is needed to protect and promote freedom of religion or belief, encompassing human rights, conflict resolution and interfaith initiatives that involve multiple state and non-state actors; reiterates its call for a public review of *the EU* Guidelines on freedom of religion or belief, allowing for the assessment of their implementation and of proposals for their update; also calls for progress reports on the implementation of the Guidelines to be communicated regularly to Parliament;

multi-layered and multi-actor approach is needed to protect and promote freedom of religion or belief, encompassing human rights, conflict resolution and interfaith initiatives that involve multiple state and non-state actors; reiterates its call for a ***regular and*** public review of ***all EU thematic*** guidelines ***on human rights, including those*** on freedom of religion or belief, allowing for the assessment of their implementation and of proposals for their update; also calls for progress reports on the implementation of the ***thematic EU*** Guidelines to be communicated regularly to Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 323

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

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30. Calls on the Council, the Commission, EEAS and EU Member States to address persecutions based on belief or religion as a priority of EU human rights foreign policy, in line with the EU action plan for human rights and democracy for 2020-2024; stresses that a multi-layered and multi-actor approach is needed to protect and promote freedom of religion ***or belief***, encompassing human rights, conflict resolution and interfaith initiatives that involve multiple state and non-state actors; reiterates its call for a public review of the EU Guidelines on freedom of religion or belief, allowing for the assessment of their implementation and of proposals for their update; also calls for progress reports on the implementation of the Guidelines to be communicated regularly to Parliament;

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Amendment 324

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Encourages the Commission to assist and support members of religious minorities and their families, who look for international protection or are IDPs due to war, violence and persecution, and who are willing to voluntarily return to their home places, including the reconstruction of their homes, livelihoods and basic infrastructures, such as schools and hospitals;

Amendment 325

Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support programmes that allow members of religious minorities who wish to return to and resettle in their home regions to do so once the material and security conditions make this possible and the circumstances which led to their departure no longer exist;

Amendment 326
György Hölvényi, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Underlines the need of enhancing the EU's role, as a value based actor, in preserving peace, preventing conflict and strengthening international security by adding cultural heritage within the EU's toolbox as a factor contributing to the development of peace, reconciliation and mutual understanding, intercultural and inter-faith dialogue, international solidarity, identities and social cohesion, capacity building, local, inclusive and sustainable development, cities' and regions' regeneration;

Or. en

Amendment 327
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Urges the EEAS and EU Delegations to include objectives specifically related to **the protection of religious minorities** for all relevant situations, as part of the human rights and democracy country strategies (HRDCSs) for 2021-2024. and to consistently raise general issues and specific cases relating to the persecution of **religious** minorities during human rights dialogues with partner countries; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;

31. Urges the EEAS and EU Delegations to include objectives specifically related to **freedom of religion and belief** for all relevant situations, as part of the human rights and democracy country strategies (HRDCSs) for 2021-2024 and to consistently raise general issues and specific cases relating to the **discrimination against or** persecution of minorities during human rights dialogues with partner countries; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs; **observes that atheism and the non-**

religious population are growing rapidly worldwide and should not be neglected in the EU policy framework;

Or. en

Amendment 328

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Urges the EEAS and EU Delegations to include objectives specifically related to the protection of religious minorities for all relevant situations, as part of the human rights and democracy country strategies (HRDCSs) for 2021-2024, and to consistently raise general issues and specific cases relating to the persecution of religious minorities during human rights dialogues with partner countries; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;

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31. Urges the EEAS and EU Delegations to include objectives specifically related to the protection of ***belief or*** religious minorities for all relevant situations, as part of the human rights and democracy country strategies (HRDCSs) for 2021-2024 and to consistently raise general issues and specific cases relating to the ***discrimination against and*** persecution of ***belief or*** religious minorities during human rights dialogues with partner countries ***and ensure that these exchanges produce genuine positive outcomes***; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;

Or. en

Amendment 329

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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specifically related to the protection of religious minorities for all relevant situations, as part of the human rights and democracy country strategies (HRDCSs) for 2021-2024. and to consistently raise general issues and specific cases relating to the persecution of religious **and belief** minorities during human rights dialogues with partner countries **including a gender-perspective**; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;

Or. en

Amendment 330

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Urges the EEAS and EU Delegations to include objectives specifically related to the protection of religious minorities for all relevant situations, as part of the human rights and democracy country strategies (HRDCSs) for 2021-2024. and to consistently raise general issues and specific cases relating to the persecution of religious minorities during human rights dialogues with partner countries; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;

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31. Urges the EEAS and EU Delegations to include objectives specifically related to the protection of religious minorities for all relevant situations, as part of the human rights and democracy country strategies (HRDCSs) for 2021-2024. and to consistently raise general issues and specific cases relating to the persecution of religious minorities during human rights dialogues with partner countries **and during UN Human Rights sessions**; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;

Or. en

Amendment 331

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Calls on the EU Delegations and the Member States' representations to support human rights defenders and journalists active in relation to belief or religious minorities, and, where appropriate, to facilitate the issuance of emergency visas, and provide temporary shelter in EU Member States when these individuals are at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 332
Salima Yenbou
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31b. Calls on the Commission to support civil society organizations and social campaigns that promote understanding and awareness of non majority religion and belief groups, especially humanists and atheists in countries where they face particularly serious forms of discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 333
David Lega, Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to scrutinise the human rights situations of religious minorities in third countries and the implementation of related commitments under bilateral agreements of those countries with the EU;

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to ***closer*** scrutinise the human rights situations of religious minorities in third countries and the implementation of related commitments under bilateral agreements of those countries with the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 334

Isabel Santos, Raphaël Glucksmann, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to scrutinise the human rights situations of religious minorities in third countries and the implementation of related commitments under bilateral agreements of those countries with the EU;

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to scrutinise the human rights situations of ***belief or*** religious minorities in third countries and the implementation of related commitments under bilateral agreements of those countries with the EU, ***including under trade agreements such as the Generalized Scheme of Preferences Plus***;

Or. en

Amendment 335

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to scrutinise the human rights situations of religious minorities in third countries and the implementation of related

Amendment

32. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to scrutinise the human rights situations of religious ***and belief*** minorities in third countries and the implementation

commitments under bilateral agreements of those countries with the EU;

of related commitments under bilateral agreements of those countries with the EU;
calls on the Commission to ensure an adequate funding for freedom of religion and belief under the recently adopted Global Europe instrument, and to respect the principles of pluralism, neutrality and fairness when allocating funds for this purpose;

Or. en

Amendment 336

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to scrutinise the human rights situations of religious minorities in third countries and the implementation of related commitments under bilateral agreements of those countries with the EU;

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32. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to scrutinise the human rights situations of religious ***or belief*** minorities in third countries and the implementation of related commitments under bilateral agreements of those countries with the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 337

Peter van Dalen, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Antonio López-Istúriz White, David Lega, Miriam Lexmann, Javier Zarzalejos, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Calls on the Commission to especially review the eligibility of third countries under the generalized scheme of preferences in this regard; advocates a system that gradually grants preferences

to a country based on its compliance to human rights commitments, in order to better be able to provide incentives and sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 338

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. *Recalls that the political and legal separation of religion and state is a prerequisite for the full enjoyment of human rights, democracy and the rule of law; calls on the EU to ensure that its assistance programmes to national and local authorities in third countries are consistent with the principles of secularism, including in the field of education, and strictly refrain from reinforcing government legislation and policies that favour one belief or religious group over others;*

Or. en

Amendment 339

Miguel Urbán Crespo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with *like-minded* states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious minorities in human rights

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious *or belief* minorities in human rights policies

policies everywhere in the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead sponsor of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council;

everywhere in the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious **and belief** minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead sponsor of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council;

Or. en

Amendment 340

Salima Yenbou

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with like-minded states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious minorities **in human rights policies everywhere in** the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or

Amendment

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with like-minded states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious **and belief** minorities **around** the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, **notably the Special Procedures under the UN Human Rights Council**, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious **or**

targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead *sponsor* of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council;

belief minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead *co-sponsor* of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council, *as well as to take EU-UN joint initiatives on discrimination against non-believers (including atheists, apostats, agnostics, humanists, etc.) as well as against religious minorities, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;*

Or. en

Amendment 341

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Klemen Grošelj, Charles Goerens, Frédérique Ries, Petras Auštrevičius, Samira Rafaela, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with like-minded states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious minorities in human rights policies everywhere in the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union *and* the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead sponsor of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN

Amendment

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with like-minded states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious *and belief* minorities in human rights policies everywhere in the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union, *the Organization of American States, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and other regional organisations*, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious *and belief* minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict

General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council;

areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead sponsor of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council ***and reiterates its call to step up cooperation with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief on this matter;***

Or. en

Amendment 342
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with like-minded states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious minorities in human rights policies everywhere in the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead sponsor of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council;

Amendment

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with like-minded states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious minorities in human rights policies everywhere in the world; ***recommends that Special Envoys for Freedom of Religion or Belief throughout EU Member States share their best practices and work closely together;*** calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead sponsor of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN

Amendment 343

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with like-minded states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious minorities in human rights policies everywhere in the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead sponsor of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council;

Amendment

33. Recommends strengthening EU multilateral engagement with like-minded states and other actors with a view to promoting and mainstreaming the respect for religious minorities in human rights policies everywhere in the world; calls for the EU and EU Member States to enhance cooperation with the UN, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to intensify its dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to forge alliances with third countries, ***like the International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance***, in order to provide international responses to human rights issues faced by religious minorities, in particular those who are most vulnerable or targeted in conflict areas; also recommends that the EU continue to be the lead sponsor of resolutions on freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council;

Amendment 344

Charlie Weimers, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Hermann Tertsch, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Recommends the EU to intensify its open and constructive dialogues with the African Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation on the rights of religious minorities and the need to fully respect their fundamental rights to freedom of thought, conscience and religion in all its dimensions, including private, public, individual, collective and institutional, as well as the right not to believe;

Or. en

Amendment 345

György Hölvényi, Miriam Lexmann, Željana Zovko, Lukas Mandl, Ivan Štefanec

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Welcomes the regular contacts and cooperation of EU institutions with CSOs, including Churches and religious communities, to improve the situation of persecuted religious minorities in third countries, and overcome the difficulties and obstacles they have to face in their everyday life; encourages EU institutions to intensify partnerships with CSOs, including Churches and religious communities, in particular with those in third countries dealing with religious freedom and supporting and assisting religious minorities, and leaders of persecuted religious minorities, in order to advance religious freedom and to improve the wellbeing of religious minorities' faithful, in particular those who are in most vulnerable situations;

Or. en

Amendment 346

Peter van Dalen, Miriam Lexmann, Lukas Mandl, Željana Zovko, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Andrzej Halicki, Charlie Weimers, Javier Zarzalejos, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Carlo Fidanza

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Calls on the Council, the Commission and EU Member States to start the procedure to declare and officially designate the 24th of June as the annual European Day on Freedom of Religion or Belief, in order to show true commitment to promoting and protecting Freedom of Religion or Belief, in commemorating the victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief; believes that the 24th of June would be appropriate for such an EU-day, as this date marks the anniversary of the EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief in 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 347

Karol Karski, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión, Charlie Weimers, Carlo Fidanza, Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Calls on the European Commission and other EU institutions to establish the 24th of June as the EU Day on Freedom of Religion and Belief;

Or. en

