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on religious freedom

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on religious freedom

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas religious freedom, whether for individuals or for groups, is a fundamental human right enshrined in various international legal instruments including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), the European Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1950), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966) and the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief (1981),
- B. whereas the principle of religious freedom implies freedom of belief and worship without discrimination or preference, and can only exist in a secular state,
- C. whereas religious freedom is arbitrarily trampled and violated in various parts of the world,

Calls on the Council of the European Union, the Commission and the Member States to:

- 1. Make action to uphold religious freedom a priority in the EU's relations with third states;
- 2. Provide for the imposition, in response to violations of religious freedom, of similar penalties and sanctions to those prescribed since 1998 by the United States International Religious Freedom Act (Public Law 105-292, 105th Congress).