



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need for special assistance for Christian refugees

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the need for special assistance for Christian refugees

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 21 January 2010 on attacks on Christian communities¹,
 - having regard to its resolution of 15 November 2007 on events which compromise Christian communities and those of other religious communities²,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas religious persecution has been happening during migratory movements, for example in April 2015, when 12 Christians who were praying were thrown out of a boat and drowned;
- B. whereas Algerian immigrants in the German town of Hemer beat an Eritrean and his pregnant wife because the man was wearing a cross;
- C. whereas a Christian family from Iraq were beaten in the asylum seekers' camp in Freising, Bavaria, and later returned to Mosul as they could not endure the threats against them;
- D. whereas Assyrians from Gothenburg, Sweden, were harassed with threats specific to ISIS;
- E. whereas senior German police officers have called for separate accommodation for Christians in camps, for their own safety;
- F. whereas the Central Council of the Eastern Churches in Germany has drawn attention to the ideologically motivated silence about the persecution of Christian refugees;
1. Calls on the EU authorities and media to report on acts of anti-Christian hatred;
 2. Calls on all the relevant authorities to prevent acts of persecution against Christians;
 3. Calls on governments to accelerate and enable the relocation of persecuted Christians from camps where their safety is at risk.

¹ OJ C 305 E, 11.11.2010, p.7.

² OJ C 282 E, 6.11.2008, p. 474.