

**Question for written answer E-002721/2024  
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign  
Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Urgent need to protect the Christian community in Aleppo, Syria

Christians in Syria are currently facing persecution. The seizure of Aleppo on 30 November 2024 by jihadist extremist groups of radical Muslims, which resemble ISIS and receive Turkish support, is a sign that the ethnic cleansing of Christian populations in Syria is set to continue. In 2011, there were 150 000 Christians living in Aleppo. Today, only 20 000 to 25 000 of them remain (including many schoolchildren and students, now surrounded by ultra-religious armed murderers). Meanwhile, the EU is just standing by while a threat of genocide unfolds.

In light of this tragic situation, I would like to ask the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy the following:

1. What immediate measures will she take to protect Aleppo's threatened Christian community?
2. How does she intend to address the growing influence of jihadist groups in the region, in view of the continued support they receive from Türkiye?
3. Given that Türkiye's stance is at odds with the values and principles to which EU Member States must adhere, should the country's EU accession status not be reviewed?

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