Question for written answer E-000879/2025 to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Rule 144

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Subject: Urgent need to address violence against Christian communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Between 12 and 15 February 2025, more than 70 Christians - including women, children and elderly people - were found dead in a CEBCEA church in Kazanga, North Kivu province in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The attacks are attributed to the Islamist group ADF (Allied Democratic Forces), which is linked to ISIS. The systematic attacks on Christian communities in the region by armed groups such as the ADF and groups allied to the M23 constitute a serious human rights violation that requires immediate international attention.

The Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is asked:

- 1. What concrete measures does the EU intend to put in place to protect Christian minorities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and combat attacks motivated by religious hatred?
- 2. What diplomatic initiatives is it planning in order to push for an immediate ceasefire and protect civilians in the region?
- 3. How does it intend to work with international organisations to address the humanitarian crisis and bring justice to the victims of these attacks?

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