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Subject: Mediterranean Pact and the situation of Christians in the region

The mandate letter from the President of the European Commission addressed to Dubravka Šuica, the Commissioner for the Mediterranean, emphasises strengthening the European Union's partnership with its broader southern neighbourhood, including the Middle East.

Through the new Mediterranean Pact, the EU aims to foster a comprehensive partnership focused on investment, economy, energy, trade, transport, security, and migration.

Considering the alarming statistics about the state of Christianity in the Middle East, the cultural and religious persecution, and the risk of the oldest Christian communities disappearing from the region, it is surprising that the mandate of the Commissioner for the Mediterranean does not mention the EU's responsibility to protect and preserve the Christian presence in the region or halt the exodus of Christians, which has reached critical levels.

1. How does the Commission plan to make the establishment of the new Mediterranean Pact conditional on the protection of Christians from various forms of persecution, discrimination, violence and mass exodus?
2. Given that, the EU consistently promotes its commitment to human rights within both its Member States and globally, what instruments will the Commissioner for the Mediterranean use to support the right of Christians in the Middle East to live in peace and security?

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