



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 150 of the Rules of Procedure

on the urgent situation and the systematic persecution of the Greek Orthodox (Rum) community in Syria

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Motion for a European Parliament Resolution on the urgent situation and the systematic persecution of the Greek Orthodox (Rum) community in Syria

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the conflict in Syria and the protection of religious minorities in the Middle East,
 - having regard to the EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief,
 - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
 - having regard to Rule 150 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there are alarming and consistent reports of a systematic campaign of violence, forced displacement, and illegal seizure of properties targeting the Greek Orthodox (Rum) Christian minority in various regions of Syria;
- B. whereas these atrocities are being perpetrated by radical Islamist groups and extremist elements taking advantage of the ongoing instability in the region;
- C. whereas the Greek Orthodox community represents one of the oldest and most historic Christian presence in the Middle East, which is now facing an immediate threat of total eradication;
- D. whereas the destruction of religious sites and the targeting of civilians based on their faith constitute a grave violation of international law and fundamental human rights;
1. Strongly condemns the ongoing pogroms, kidnappings, and acts of violence committed against the Greek Orthodox (Rum) Christians in Syria;
 2. Calls on the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to take immediate diplomatic steps to ensure the safety and security of the Christian populations in Syria;
 3. Urges the European Commission and the Member States to prioritize and increase humanitarian assistance specifically targeted at the displaced members of the Rum community;
 4. Demands an independent international investigation into the crimes committed against religious minorities in Syria to ensure that those responsible for these persecutions are held accountable;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.