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Violence against Christians

Motion for a resolution

tabled by Mr Luca VOLONTÈ and other members of the Assembly

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

The Parliamentary Assembly wishes to express its serious concern about the issues addressed in its [Recommendation 1957 \(2011\)](#) about Violence against Christians in the Middle East adopted by the Assembly on 27 January 2011.

A report aimed at examining the situation of Christians in the member states of the Council of Europe and in third countries of the Middle East concerned by the Recommendation is deemed necessary, with particular reference to the implementation of the measures proposed in paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 15. With those paragraphs, the Assembly invites member states to:

- re-affirm that the development of human rights, democracy and civil liberties is the common basis on which they build their relations with third countries and ensure that a democracy clause is included in the agreements between them and third countries;
- take account of the situation of Christian and other religious communities in their bilateral political dialogue with the countries concerned;
- support initiatives aimed at promoting dialogue among religious communities in the Middle East.

Following the adoption of the above-mentioned recommendation, the Assembly calls for the drafting of a report, in accordance with articles 4 and 5 of the mandate of the Political Affairs Committee.

Signed (see overleaf)



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