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Subject: Sharp rise in Christianophobia and the Jihadi threat in Europe

In the wake of the attacks in Paris, there has been a worrying increase in Christianophobia (i.e. violence and religious intolerance towards Christians by Islamic extremists). Five thousand Europeans have already joined terrorist organisations in Iraq and Syria.

In Sweden – one of the EU countries from which many of the so-called ‘foreign fighters’ come – the Syrian Christian community is in grave peril. Its three thousand members have been subjected to Jihadi death threats such as ‘convert or die’, daubed on the walls of shops used by thousands of people.

Similar instances of serious social disorder attributable to Islamic fanaticism have been reported in France, Germany and Italy.

Faced with this escalation in intolerance and terrorist threats against Christians in the EU, can the Commission state:

- what strategy it will pursue to immediately shut down dormant ISIS cells in the EU;
- what emergency measures it will adopt to safeguard the Christian Syrian community in Gothenburg, and all other Christian EU citizens;
- whether it considers it important to set up a European platform for the exchange of information on religiously-motivated terrorism in Europe?