

AMENDMENTS

Draft Report

Pier Antonio Panzeri

on the Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world 2013, and the European Union's policy on the matter

(2014/2216(INI))

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Amendment 1

New Paragraph Nbis

<i>Motion for a resolution</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>Whereas Article 18 of the UDHR recognizes the freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; whereas the number of incidents relating to the freedom of religion or belief has sharply risen, inter alia, as a consequence of an increasing number of conflicts with a religious dimension.</i>

Amendment 2

Paragraph 19

<i>Motion for a resolution</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
19. Reminds the EEAS and the Council, nevertheless, of the challenge of implementation and consequently of the need to evaluate the implementation of the EU Guidelines at the country level; encourages the EEAS and Member States also to engage in continued training and awareness-raising among EEAS and EU Delegation staff, as well as among Member State diplomats, so as to make sure that the EU human rights guidelines have the intended effect in shaping actual policies on the ground;	19. Reminds the EEAS and the Council, nevertheless, of the challenge of implementation and consequently of the need to evaluate the implementation of the EU Guidelines at the country level; encourages the EEAS and Member States also to engage in continued training and awareness-raising among EEAS and EU Delegation staff, as well as among Member State diplomats, so as to make sure that the EU human rights guidelines have the intended effect in shaping actual policies on the ground; <i>requests the EEAS and Member States to involve, whenever possible, representatives from the European Parliament and from civil society in any such training activities;</i>

Amendment 3

Paragraph 54a (new)

<i>Motion for a resolution</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>54a. Is concerned about the increased violence against religious and belief minorities in many parts of the world; calls for the protection of refugees who have been forced to flee their place of origin as a result of violence and discrimination directed against them on the basis of their religion or belief; expresses the view that in accordance with international human rights instruments, all States have to protect religious and belief</i>

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	<i>minorities against any form of discrimination and violence; encourages the EEAS to establish a horizontal focal point for religion or belief matters.</i>
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Amendment 4

Paragraph 54b (new)

<i>Motion for a resolution</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	54b. Condemns all violence and discrimination on the basis of religion or belief; expresses its serious concern over the continued reports of violence and discrimination against religious minorities around the world; stresses that the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, is a fundamental human right, interrelated with other human rights and fundamental freedoms, encompassing the right to believe or not to believe, the freedom to practise theistic, non-theistic or atheistic belief alike, and the right to adopt, change and abandon or return to a belief of one's choice;

Amendment 5

Paragraph 55

<i>Motion for a resolution</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
55. Welcomes the adoption during the reporting year 2013 of the EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief, and calls on the EU institutions and the Member States to pay particular attention to the implementation of these guidelines, both in international and regional forums and in bilateral relations with third countries;	55. Welcomes the adoption during the reporting year 2013 of the EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief, and calls on the EU institutions and the Member States to pay particular attention to the implementation of these guidelines, both in international and regional forums and in bilateral relations with third countries; commends the new EU High Representative for stating that freedom of religion or belief is one of three human rights priorities; encourages the HR/VP and the EEAS to engage in a permanent dialogue with NGOs, religious or belief groups and religious leaders;

Amendment 6

Paragraph 55a (new)

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<i>Motion for a resolution</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<p><i>55a. Welcomes the EU's commitment to promoting the right to freedom of religion or belief within international and regional fora including the UN, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe (CoE) and other regional mechanisms; encourages the EU to continue tabling its yearly resolution on freedom of religion or belief at the UN General Assembly and supporting the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief;</i></p>