

Assembly of Delegates, June 16-18, 2013 in Filzbach

## **Resolution issued by the Assembly of Delegates of the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches regarding Christians under threat**

Considering

- the universal human right of religious freedom
- the humanitarian tradition that is Switzerland's legacy
- the great dismay of Swiss Christians about the increasingly threatening situation of Christians in various regions of the world, particularly in the Middle East

the Assembly of Delegates of the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches calls upon the Swiss Federal Council to increase and intensify its dedication to take a stand against the discrimination, marginalization and intimidation of Christian women and men in the course of its efforts to protect human rights.

In particular, the Assembly of Delegates of the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches calls upon the Swiss Federal Council to:

1. Continue to openly address the discrimination, marginalization and intimidation of Christians when dealing with the responsible political leaders
2. Firmly insist that Christians, too, are given freedom of conscience, opinion, assembly and religion, as well as legal certainty
3. Increase loans allocated for projects that promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue, the peaceful coexistence of religious communities and the reinforcement of civil society in these countries
4. Establish the monitoring and assessment of the situation of Christian churches as an integral part of Switzerland's foreign policy agenda
5. Raise awareness and provide education regarding religious issues among the staff of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (EDA) deployed abroad.

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Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches  
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