

International Religious Freedom Resolution

This resolution recognizes religious freedom as a fundamental right, expresses support for international religious freedom as a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy, and expresses concern over increased threats to and attacks on religious freedom around the world.

For centuries, the importance of religious freedom has been recognized around the world, including in the United States Constitution and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy that continues to inform our relationships with our allies and other countries, a key priority for the State Department in its annual designation of countries with severe religious freedom violations, and a human right of critical importance in supporting democracy, good governance, and the rule of law globally.

The resolution supports continued, bipartisan efforts to protect international religious freedom around the world, condemns all efforts to suppress religious freedom, and urges the State Department to leverage all diplomatic and sanctions tools available to hold religious freedom violators accountable for their actions.

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