

A Joint Statement on "Supporting the Human Rights of Christians and Other Communities, particularly in the Middle East" was delivered at the 28th Session of the Human Rights Council at Geneva this past March 13. The Russian Federation, the Holy See and Lebanon were the core group involved in producing the statement, while the USA representative delivered the statement to the Human Rights Council on behalf of the 63 signatories, including Canada.

In a [press release](#) , Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, called the Joint Statement "an act of solidarity with those Christians and persons from other communities suffering from grave and continuous violations of their human rights."

[Link to the joint statement](#)

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