

HRES 349

Calling for the global repeal of blasphemy, heresy, and apostasy laws.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 SRES 647	Identical bill	Sep 25, 2018: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6307)

Calls on the President and the Department of State to: (1) make the repeal of blasphemy, heresy, or apostasy laws a priority in the bilateral relationships of the United States with all countries that have such laws; and (2) designate countries that enforce such laws as "countries of particular concern for religious freedom" under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998.

Urges the governments of countries that: (1) enforce such laws to amend or repeal such laws; and (2) have prosecuted, imprisoned, and persecuted people on charges of blasphemy, heresy, or apostasy to release such people unconditionally and ensure their safety.

Encourages the President and the State Department to oppose: (1) any efforts by international or multilateral fora to create an international anti-blasphemy norm, and (2) any attempts to expand the international norm on incitement to include blasphemy or defamation of religions.

Supports United Nations efforts to combat intolerance, discrimination, or violence against persons based on religion or belief without restricting expression.

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