

The submission was accompanied by a joint letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster.



The Church of England and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have made a joint submission to the Independent Review of Foreign and Commonwealth Office support for persecuted Christians.

In a joint letter accompanying the submission, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, said that in many places "our Christian sisters and brothers face persecution of an intensity and extent unprecedented in many centuries."

However, the Archbishops added that these threats to freedom of religion or belief are not restricted to Christians alone, but are a widespread experience of the followers of other faiths.

"We ask Her Majesty's Government to take note of the practical recommendations offered by our Churches in this Submission and to take meaningful action not only in protecting Christians facing persecution but also in promoting freedom of religion and belief more widely," they said.

Read the Archbishops' letter [here](#)

Read the joint FCO submission [here](#)

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