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Subject: CJEU ruling on the headscarf

According to the European Network Against Racism's 'Forgotten Women' project, Muslim women face some of the highest levels of discrimination and difficulties in accessing the labour market. In March 2017, the Court of Justice of the European Union, in cases C-157/16 (Achbita) and C-188/15 (Bougnaoui), issued rulings against two women employees, both of whom had been dismissed because they wore the headscarf.

Given the already difficult conditions for Muslim women trying to access the labour market and the CJEU ruling:

How will the EU continue to meet its commitments to fight discrimination and reduce unemployment following this CJEU ruling, especially with regard to Muslim women?

What specific measures will the EU take to ensure the inclusion of Muslim women in the workplace in line with the Employment Equality Directive and to prevent this ruling impacting mainly on Muslim women?

How does the EU intend to ensure that employees can make use of their right to freedom of religion or belief whilst also upholding the decision of the CJEU?