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The foundational sources used for this report are the international network of correspondents in approximately 200 countries from the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout the world. For this report, various sources from independent correspondents to national agencies, newspapers, and press services were also consulted.

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The first *World Report on Religious Freedom* was issued in 2000. Our goal is to increase the detail and scope of the report each year. In keeping with this goal, this year's report provides greater details on the status of religious freedom in more nations around the world.. It is our hope that the information in this report will be useful, and that it will be a tool in the hands of those working to improve the quality of life for people around the world.

We cannot forget those who are persecuted for their faith; the suffering of even one individual for conscience sake is important. Religious persecution is an affront to human dignity and to the freedoms granted by God.