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WASHINGTON -- As global

persecution of Christians rises, a U.S. government commission is urging the Obama administration to act against countries that persecute religious minorities.

"In many countries, certainly religious persecution has become worse over the past several years," said Leonard Leo, the chairman of the

**United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.**

The U.S. commission keeps an eye on religious freedom around the world. Their new annual report highlights countries like Vietnam, where Christians and other believers face imprisonment and torture.