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State Department: We call on Turkey's government to maintain Hagia Sophia as a UNESCO World Heritage site



“The Hagia Sophia holds enormous spiritual and cultural significance to billions of believers of different faiths around the world,” Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback posted on Twitter on Friday.

“We call on the government of Turkey to maintain it as a UNESCO World Heritage site and to maintain accessibility to all in its current status as a museum,” he added.

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