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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 113 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the proliferation of reports subsidised by the European Union on racism, discrimination and 'Islamophobia'

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the proliferation of reports subsidised by the European Union on racism, discrimination and 'Islamophobia'**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in recent months ENAR, Raxen and the Fundamental Rights Agency have all produced reports of their own on racism, discrimination and/or 'Islamophobia',
- B. whereas in various respects these reports failed to apply academic methodology (for example in 2006 the EUMC performed a study of discrimination without defining that term, or trends are alleged to exist without any objective statistics being produced in support of the assertion),
- C. whereas these reports often bear the hallmarks of an unambiguous political agenda (some political parties are attacked; it is advocated that aliens should have the right to vote and/or that the status of illegal immigrants should be regularised, etc.),
- D. whereas the various reports reach more or less the same conclusions, which means that there is duplication of effort with absolutely no added value,
- 1. Calls upon the Commission to encourage the above bodies, if necessary by halting or reducing subsidies:
  - to coordinate their studies better and if necessary work together to avoid duplication of effort,
  - to avoid adopting political positions,
  - to use only rigorous academic methods in their analyses.