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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

with request for inclusion in the agenda for the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the ALDE Group

on the situation of Albinos in Tanzania

**European Parliament resolution on the situation of Albinos in Tanzania**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on discrimination and serious human rights violations,
  - having regard to its previous resolutions on economic crisis in sub-Saharan countries, in particular, its resolution of 22 May 2008 on rising food prices,
  - having regard to Rule 115 (5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas albinos are being targeted by witchdoctors in Tanzania in ritual killings as many believe albinos have magical powers;
  - B. whereas Tanzanian officials say witchdoctors are now marketing albino body parts to make people rich;
  - C. Noting that while 173 witchdoctors have been arrested since the crackdown, no legal action has been brought against them and they continue to operate;
  - D. whereas out of a population of 39 million, there are about 270,000 people in Tanzania who are albinos and discrimination against albinos is a serious problem throughout sub-Saharan Africa;
  - E. whereas Tanzania's President, Jakaya Kikwete, announced a crackdown on the traditional healers as well as plan to register albinos to improve their safety;
  - F. whereas according to the Tanzanian government, 19 albino people have been killed in the past year, with another two missing presumed dead; however disability campaigners say the real number of victims could be as high as 50;
  - G. whereas there is a poverty connection as parents exchange their albino children for money and growing economic crisis making people more desperate;
1. Deeply shocked by the violation of human rights of albinos;
  2. Calls on the Government of Tanzania to urgently take action to protect the albino community and to make sure that those behind the witchcraft and involved in the racket are identified and brought to justice;
  3. Calls on Tanzanian government authorities to take measures to help ensure the fair treatment of albinos, who often find themselves victims of social discrimination;
  4. Calls for improved training in the field of education to clear out traditional beliefs discriminating albino community;

5. Calls for improved training of healthcare workers and staging workshops for teachers and parents to encourage them to make sure albino children are protected from the sun as many die of skin cancer before they reach 30;
6. Asks the Commission and the Council to closely monitor the human rights situation in Tanzania,
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission, to the Government of Tanzania, ACP-EU Assembly, relevant NGOs in Tanzania as Tanzanian Albino Society and Action on Disability and Development.