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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the ban on wearing the Islamic full-face veil in public

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the ban on wearing the Islamic full-face veil in public

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and in particular Chapter III, Article 23, on equality between men and women,
- having regard to the judgment on application No 43835/11, ‘S.A.S. v. France’, handed down by the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights on 1 July 2014,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the wearing of the Islamic full-face veil by women in the west is a controversial issue;
- B. whereas Islam is a religion which is 14 centuries old, whilst the niqab has been in use for only 70 years, and whereas the Qur'an does not make the wearing of the full-face veil compulsory;
- C. whereas France and Belgium have banned the wearing of the full-face veil in public, and whereas the ECHR, in its above-mentioned judgment of 1 July 2014, ruled that the aims of the law banning the wearing of the full-face veil in France were legitimate;
- D. whereas the ban on wearing the Islamic full-face veil guarantees public safety by making it possible for individuals in public places to be identified;
- E. whereas the ban fosters equality between men and women by rejecting the patriarchal vision of society that the veil represents;
- 1. Calls for uniform European rules banning the wearing of the Islamic full-face veil in public;
- 2. Instructs its President to put forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.