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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on recognising Azerbaijan's unique brand of ethnic, religious and philosophical tolerance

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on recognising Azerbaijan's unique brand of ethnic, religious and philosophical tolerance

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the first European Games, in which around 6 000 athletes from some 50 countries will be taking part, will be held in Azerbaijan in June;
- B. whereas Azerbaijan is a democratic, peaceful and truly diverse country which respects all minorities, religions and beliefs and stands as a unique example of civil coexistence;
- C. whereas the European Games have already attracted the attention of 'human rights lobbies', which have embarked on a headstrong campaign of destabilisation and boycott of the kind that has brought so many countries to their knees in recent years;
- D. whereas interference of this kind in the politics of a sovereign state flies in the face of democratic principles;
- 1. Trusts that the EU institutions will take this opportunity to show support and friendship for Azerbaijan by ensuring that this wonderful sporting event is given the attention and publicity it deserves;
- 2. Calls on all EU institutions to recognise Azerbaijan's unique brand of ethnic, religious and philosophical tolerance, which makes this country unlike any other in the world today.