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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on violence against women

**Gianluca Buonanno**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on violence against women**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women it is important to remember that the abuse and humiliation of women and discrimination against women in Europe are still far too common;
  - B. whereas an inquiry at EU level published last year by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights showed that some 13 million women had suffered physical violence during the previous twelve months and 12% had reported that they had suffered some form of abuse or sexual act by an adult before the age of 15, which corresponds to 21 million people in the EU;
  - C. whereas, given these appalling statistics that unfortunately feature frequently in press reports, only to be met with general indifference, the EU institutions cannot afford simply to do nothing;
- 1. Believes that the Commission should take appropriate action - both legislative and financial - so that this terrible scourge is eradicated as soon as possible, because striking a woman is not only an act of violence, it is above all an act of barbarism that leaves an indelible stain on our society and on our conscience.