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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the ban on celebrating Christmas in the Sultanate of Brunei

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the ban on celebrating Christmas in the Sultanate of Brunei

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Sultan of Brunei has imposed a ban on celebrating Christmas or holding any festivities in connection with it;
- B. whereas a ban has also been imposed on displaying Christian religious symbols in public and on decorating homes or trees;
- C. whereas any violation of this ban is by law punishable by five years in prison;
- D. whereas these provisions violate the right to religious freedom and the most basic of human rights associated with it;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to propose and apply sanctions prohibiting the purchase and import into Europe of gas, crude oil and petroleum products extracted in the Sultanate of Brunei until such time as the bans in question are repealed.