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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on Christians in Iraq

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Christians in Iraq

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in a recent interview with *Le Figaro*, Louis Raphaël I Sako, the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Babylon, passed on the disturbing news that posters calling on women to imitate the Virgin Mary and wear a veil had been put up on the houses of Christians living in Baghdad;
- B. whereas, in the words of Pascal Gollnisch, Chair of Œuvre d'Orient, it is unacceptable for Christians to be harassed, whether it be to wear a veil or over identity papers;
- 1. Takes the view that upholding the rights of religious, ethnic or linguistic minorities should be one of the main criteria to be met by any State wishing to enter into dialogue with the major international institutions, particularly when requesting financial or other forms of aid;
- 2. Calls on the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Council, under Articles 2, 3, 6 and 21 TEU and Article 205 TFEU, to make urgent representations to the Iraqi Government and to do everything in their power to protect eastern Christians, particularly those in Iraq, as this is a fundamental duty of the international community.