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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on discrimination against women in Saudi Arabia

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on discrimination against women in Saudi Arabia

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) the following sign is displayed on the door of a coffee shop belonging to an American chain: ‘PLEASE NO ENTRY FOR LADIES ONLY SEND YOUR DRIVER TO ORDER. THANK YOU’;
- B. whereas the sign in question was put up on the instruction of the Saudi Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice, the authority which enforces Saudi Arabia’s discriminatory policy against women;
- 1. Stresses that respect for women, irrespective of location, must be considered a non-negotiable principle;
- 2. Stresses that commercial law must not take precedence over the most basic human rights;
- 3. Calls on the Commission, the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Council, in accordance with Articles 2, 3, 6 and 21 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 205 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to suspend all political, diplomatic and trade relations with Saudi Arabia until that country demonstrates full respect for the principle of gender equality;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the VP/HR, the Council and the Saudi Government.