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*Plenary sitting*

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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on academic freedom and freedom of expression in the European Union

**Dominique Bilde**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on academic freedom and freedom of expression in the European Union**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on 11 November 1997,
  - having regard to Articles 9, 10 and 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas according to an article in *Le Figaro* published on 21 December 2018 and entitled ‘The academics who are victims of political correctness at universities’, ‘celebrated researchers are being marginalised by universities for addressing topics such as Islam and immigration’; examples include the demographer Michèle Tribalat and a professor whose ‘chances of promotion were instantly ruined once his book had been published’;
- B. whereas in an article published in *Le Point* on 28 November 2018, 80 French academics criticised ‘the strategy of entryism pursued by decolonialist activists in higher education’, and whereas Danièle Obono, a member of the French National Assembly who shares this decolonialist mindset, has been appointed to the board of the Political Sciences department at Panthéon-Sorbonne University;
1. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to take steps to uphold academic freedom, the fundamental rights referred to above and pluralism in higher education.