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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on the setting-up of a European Gender Institute

European Parliament resolution on the setting-up of a European Gender Institute

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the conclusions of the Nice European Council and in particular the European Social Agenda,
 - having regard to its resolution of 10 March 2004 (B5-0121/2004) which calls on the Commission to speed up the efforts leading to the setting-up of a European Gender Institute,
 - having regard to Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas inefficiencies exist in the application of the provisions of the EC Treaty relating to gender equality,
- B. having regard to the qualitative (Articles 2, 3(2), 13 and 141 of the EC Treaty) and quantitative (10 new Member States) widening of the commitments of the EU as regards gender equality,
- C. whereas recourse to a European Gender Institute is essential to support the efforts to improve the understanding of factors leading to gender discrimination on the part of policy-makers and the wider public and ensure the visibility of a policy of primary concern to women citizens,
1. Calls on the Commission, before the end of its term of office, to submit to Parliament a proposal for a Regulation setting up a 'European Gender Institute' as a full-fledged Agency.