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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the defence of multi-ethnicity in the Vojvodina

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European parliament resolution on the defence of multi-ethnicity in the Vojvodina

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 16 September 2005 on the minorities in the Vojvodina,
- having regard to the mandate of the Conference of Presidents for a fact-finding mission in the Vojvodina,
- having regard to the parliamentary fact-finding mission in the Vojvodina,
- having regard on the upcoming negotiations on a Stability and Association Agreement with Serbia-Montenegro, and the already agreed Feasibility Study on it,

A. whereas incidents against human and minority rights are continuously reported from the Vojvodina by political forces and that of the civil society even since the fact-finding mission, including physical and verbal attacks,

B. whereas no real progress has been made to stop the deterioration in the long-term existence of ethnic minorities in the Vojvodina in the fields of education, representation in public administration and the judicial system just as in the police, equal access to fair jurisdiction and the institutions of a state based on the rule of law,

C. whereas lack of concise politics on refugee issues leads to breaches of international standards on resettling, thus endangering the political and financial efforts of the European Union,

1. continues its own regular monitoring on Vojvodina with special regard to the content and principles of the Stability and Association Agreement, on the basis of which the Parliament reminds the Commission of its obligations to the Parliament in this regard,

2. supports a public hearing on the minority and political situation in the Vojvodina organized by the SEE Delegation,

3. states that the Parliament uses its budgetary powers to exercise pressure on Serbia-Montenegro to encourage compliance with the Copenhagen criteria,

4. asks the Council and the High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy to pay more attention to the high security risks that the minority incidents in the Vojvodina represent and therefore to send EU monitors into the region.

5. instructs its President to send this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the High Representative, the Government of Serbia-Montenegro and the regional authorities of the Vojvodina

