Amendment 2
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Report
Renate Weber
Application of the Employment Equality Directive
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

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21. Notes that restrictions imposed by employers to the wearing of religious symbols are not always in line with international human rights standards, as they are not limited to well-defined and narrow circumstances or do not pursue a legitimate goal, and that States do not always take appropriate measures against such restrictions when they are not in line with international human rights standards; is concerned that some Member States have introduced general bans on religious symbols in the public space, in the name of neutrality and secularism, leading to attempts to also extend such restrictions by the private sector;

Amendment

21. Insists that religious freedom is an important principle which should be respected by employers; underlines, however, that the implementation of this principle is a question of subsidiarity and that both Member States and employers may have legitimate reasons to ban specific kinds of symbols that are claimed to be of a religious nature, especially when they are symbols that suppress the rights of women and can involve security problems;

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