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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on the right to demonstrate in Rome

European Parliament resolution on the right to demonstrate in Rome

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the founding principles of the Union, with particular reference to freedom of expression,
 - having regard to its resolution of 16 March 2000 (A5-0050/00) on respect for human rights in the European Union (1998-1999),
- A. whereas the annual demonstration against anti-homosexual discrimination organised by international homosexual organisations is scheduled to be held in Rome in July,
- B. whereas various people, including the newly-elected leader of the Latium Regional Council, have questioned the right to demonstrate in Rome during the Jubilee Year against anti-homosexual discrimination,
- C. whereas the right to express one's opinions in a peaceful manner is an inviolable principle of the Union,
- D. whereas, furthermore, both the Catholic Church (in the recent revised version of the Catechism) and the Protestant Churches advocate respect for homosexuals,
1. Reasserts the inalienable right to express one's opinions in a peaceful manner;
 2. Calls on the relevant Italian authorities not to obstruct the holding of the 'World Gay Pride, Rome 2000' march on 8 July 2000.