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DRAFT RESOLUTION

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**on human rights in Nigeria**

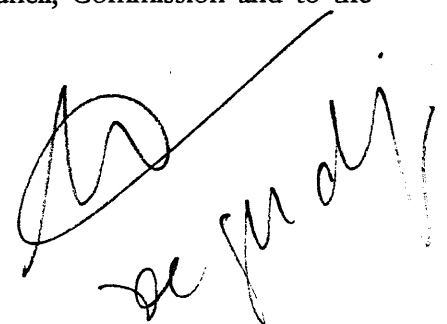
The European Parliament,

- having regard la déclaration PESC du 30 janvier 2001 sur le châtimeut corporel infligé dans l'Etat de Zamfara, au Nigeria;
- having regard ses précédentes résolutions sur les violations des droits des femmes;
- having regard la Convention des Nations Unies sur les Droits des Enfants;

A. deeply concerned by the case of the young girl, Bariya Ibrahim Magazu, who received 100 lashes on 19 January at the Higher Sharia court of Tsafe, in the state of Zamfara, Nigeria, for having sexual relations outside of marriage,

B. whereas since 1999, 8 northern states of Nigeria have introduced Islamic law,

1. Condemns the flogging of a girl, sentenced under Zamfara state legislation;
2. Considers this a violation of international human rights, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to which Nigeria is a signatory;
3. Welcomes the federal government's efforts to ascertain that Nigerian law is in compliance with international human rights covenants;
4. Urges the authorities to allow defendants sentenced to corporal punishment to exercise their full rights of appeal to higher courts and not to obstruct their attempts to do so on procedural grounds;
5. Stresses the peaceful and legal action taken by both Muslim and Christian human rights groups in Nigeria on these issues;
6. Calls on the European Union to improve the dialogue with Nigeria, with a view to strengthening the existing processes in Nigeria towards a consolidation of democracy and the respect for human rights;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, Commission and to the Nigerian Government.



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