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## PROPOSITION FOR RESOLUTION

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**On the situation in Afghanistan including the destruction of world cultural and artistic heritage**

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The European Parliament,

- having regard the UNESCO resolution regarding the assistance to Afghanistan adopted on the 29th of April of 1999;
  - having regard the European Parliament's resolution on Afghanistan of the 5th of October of 2000;
  - having regard its resolution on the application of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World's Cultural and Natural Heritage in the Member States of the European Union, adopted on the 16th of January of 2001;
  - having regard the Council's common position adopted on the 22nd of January of 2001;
  - having regard the edit of the supreme leader of the Taleban, Mollah Omar, of the 26th of February of 2001;
- A. considering the ascension to power of the fundamentalist Muslim government of the Talebans, in Afghanistan, which has lead to a systematic discrimination and continuous repression of women;
- B. considering the systematic and deliberate violation of human rights, as well as the precarious humanitarian situation in Afghanistan;
- C. considering that Afghanistan is facing the threat of famine from droughts, as well as considering that it is one of the countries which will be most heavily affected by the climate change,
- D. considering that the edict of the 26 of February of 2001, to destroy pre-Islamic and Buddhist objects;
- E. considering that the world's largest Buddha statues, at Bamiyan-runs, are threatened;
1. Strongly condemns the destruction of one of the world's most valuable artistic heritage;
  2. Calls the Taleban authorities to remember the principles of respect, tolerance and wisdom upon which Islam is based;

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3. Condemns, the moral and physical violence that Afghani women have to face, from a regime based upon sexual segregation;
4. Urges the Council and the Member States to make all efforts so as to facilitate a peaceful solution to political problems that confront Afghanistan and to support the democratic opposition;
5. Urges the Council, the Commission and the Member States, to put pressure on the Taleban regime to end its discrimination and repression of Afghan women, by taking and supporting appropriate initiatives in the meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission in April 2001 in Geneva;
6. Calls on the Taleban government to take in consideration the offers of the UNESCO, museums, and foundations, the offers -even financially- to preserve the pre-Islamic monuments;
7. Instructs the President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the United Nations Security Council, the UNESCO, the Council of Europe, the official government of Afghanistan and the Taleban authorities.