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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on the sentencing of Safiya Hussein Tunjar-Tudu to death by stoning

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the sentencing of Safiya Hussein
Tungar-Tudu to death by stoning**

The European Parliament,

- whereas the death penalty is still being applied in Nigeria, in some cases accompanied by torture,
 - whereas sentences are in far too many cases not the outcome of a fair trial,
 - having regard to the frequent accounts of the degrading and in some cases inhuman treatment of women in such circumstances,
- A. having regard to Parliament's long-standing commitment to the protection of human rights, especially in the context of women's rights and opposition to capital punishment;
- B. whereas the European Union has consistently committed itself to the prevention and elimination of all forms of torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment, a position made clear by the General Affairs Council of 9 April 2001,
- C. having regard to the positions of the entire international community and, in particular, of other parliaments, which have been unanimous in condemning such phenomena,
1. Declares its absolute solidarity with Safiya and calls on the Nigerian Government to make all possible efforts to eliminate capital punishment from the range of punishments permitted in its territory,
 2. Calls for practical action to protect women and ensure them equal status and consideration in the family and society alongside men;
 3. Calls for the recurrence of attitudes similar to those shown in this case to be considered cause for the reconsideration of all the EU's existing policies towards Nigeria.