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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 113 of the Rules of Procedure

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on recognition of the arduous work of prison employees

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on recognition of the arduous work of prison employees**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the prison system is going through changes of historic proportions,
- B. whereas enlargement makes it appropriate to tackle these changes with an attitude other than the traditional approach: alongside prisoners' rights the rights of prison workers must also be considered,
- C. whereas the issues surrounding the redefinition of the role and professional ability of prison workers, who are often called upon to cope with incidents resulting from organisational and structural deficiencies, continue to be ignored;
- D. whereas, for a number of reasons, the work of prison officers must be considered as arduous and necessarily be included in the list of arduous professions to be drawn up in the European Union,
- E. whereas what is needed is an initiative that will have political, economic and administrative costs, but they have to be faced, for reasons of both ethics and solidarity and in order to ensure that a mistakenly undervalued sector of enormous social importance operates more efficiently,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to draw up a legislative proposal designed to extend the provisions on arduous work to prison workers, taking into account both qualitative and quantitative factors (for example, the relevance of continually working at night and in confined spaces) and giving arduous work recognition in terms of not only social security, but also logistics, insurance, training and institutional provisions.