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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

with request for inclusion in the agenda for the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure

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on Somalia

**European Parliament resolution on Somalia**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolutions of 14 November 2007, 18 June 2008, 14 October 2008, among others,
  - having regard to the Amnesty international report of 1 November 2008,
  - having regard to the statement of 8 November made by Radhika Coomaraswamy, UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for children and armed conflict condemning this incident,
  - having regard to Rule 115 (5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 27 October 2008, a 13 year old girl named Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow, was stoned to death in Kismayo, Somalia, after having been convicted of adultery,
- B. whereas Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow was in fact raped by three men, and when she reported the rape to the al-Shabab militia took the decision to convict her of adultery,
- C. whereas the al-Shabab militia, who control the southern port city of Kismayo, detained and ordered the execution by lapidation of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow, and did not arrest or detain those responsible for raping her,
- D. whereas the al-Shabab militia claimed that Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow was 23 years old, when in fact, she was only 13 years old,
- E. whereas the stoning to death was carried out by a group of 50 armed men loyal to the Kismayo administration in a stadium, in front of around 1,000 spectators,
- F. whereas a boy who attempted to prevent her execution was killed by the militia authorities,
- G. whereas, the gross violations of human rights against women and children in Somalia are rife and should be seen in the context of an anarchic security situation, in a country without a central government since 1991, and which is plagued by clan warfare,

1. Condemns in the strongest possible terms the stoning and gruesome execution of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow;
2. Calls on the Somali government to condemn this execution and to take immediate action to prevent such barbaric punishments;
3. Calls on the Somali government to issue documents and make statements to restore the honour of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow posthumously;
4. Calls for investigations into the lapidation of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow and into all cases of human rights violations, including other violations of children's rights;
5. Supports the Somali government's attempts to assert its control over the port of Kismayo, and calls for those accused of raping Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow to be brought to justice by due process;
6. Strongly urges the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) to make full use of its mandate to protect civilians, with particular focus on women and children, and calls for it to be mandated to monitor, investigate and report human rights violations;
7. Calls on Member States to further aid towards creating a lasting democratic government in Somalia and to further aid the government of Somalia to assert its control over the whole country;
8. Calls on the international community to strengthen the UN arms embargo and to monitor airports and sea ports to ensure that illegal arms imports are not entering the country in order to improve the overall security situation;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the General Secretary of the African Union and the government of Somalia.