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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on virginity tests for female military recruits in Indonesia

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on virginity tests for female military recruits in Indonesia**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Title II, Article 8 and Title X, Article 153(1)(i) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),
  - having regard to Article 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union is committed to protecting women's rights;
- B. whereas in Indonesia, women who want to join the army, become policewomen or marry officers have to undergo a virginity test, which is considered a prerequisite by the Indonesian army;
- C. whereas, according to sources in the army, which demands that test, virginity testifies to the good character of the woman and her psychological fitness for the armed forces and this practice serves to examine the mental attitude of female candidates, while physical and intellectual requirements are a secondary matter;
- D. whereas this type of practice relating to the status of female recruits does not help strengthen national security, but is a humiliating practice perpetrated against would-be soldiers and whereas the army itself has announced that the tests will continue and will form part of the medical examinations that potential female military recruits will be required to undergo before being able to join the army;
1. Calls on the Commission to take action with a view to ensuring that the practice of virginity testing is banned in order to protect women's rights in Indonesia.