

**Amendment 1**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**B9-0225/2019**

**PPE, S&D, Renew, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL**

EU's accession to the Istanbul Convention and other measures to combat gender-based violence

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**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

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*1a. Stresses that any form of FGM reflects a deep-rooted inequality between the sexes and constitutes an extreme form of discrimination against women; is of the opinion that FGM is the expression of the harmful cultural or religious belief that girls and women must be sexually pure and modest; emphasises that such beliefs have no place in liberal societies which aim to ensure that the human rights of all their citizens are respected; deplores the fact that in many Member States, the authorities are failing to tackle FGM; notes, in this regard, that in 2016 the UK's Commons Home Affairs Select Committee said that the lack of convictions for FGM was a 'national scandal'; calls on the Member States to enforce mandatory reporting of FGM by healthcare, teaching, law enforcement and social services professionals, as is the case for other types of child abuse, and to systematically prosecute perpetrators of FGM;*

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