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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on domestic violence against men

**Christine Anderson**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on domestic violence against men**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing;
- B. whereas measures taken as a political response to the coronavirus pandemic, such as quarantines and lockdowns, are confining people to their homes and so creating alarmingly increased potential for conflict;
- C. whereas the resulting tensions often spill over into domestic violence;
- D. whereas the subject of domestic violence against men is a taboo;
  1. Stresses that action must be taken against all forms of domestic violence, irrespective of whether the victims are men or women;
  2. Calls on the Commission to make clear that the principle of non-discrimination under Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights applies not only to female but also to male victims of domestic violence;
  3. Takes the view that male victims of domestic violence deserve the same level of attention and protection as female victims;
  4. Calls on the Commission to ensure equal treatment of men and women when setting up and running Commission-funded programmes tackling domestic violence;
  5. Calls on the Member States to engage more closely with the subject of domestic violence against men and to take suitable measures to address the issue.