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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure on the Hirak movement and the situation in Algeria

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Hirak movement and the situation in Algeria

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the EU-Algeria Association Agreement, which entered into force in 2005,
- having regard to the report on the state of EU-Algeria relations 2018-2020,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Hirak movement has shaken Algeria since 16 February 2019, demanding an overhaul of the Algerian political class and its practices;
- B. whereas the deterioration of freedoms in Algeria flies in the face of the requirements set out in the Association Agreement and the recommendations incorporated in the report on the state of relations;
- C. whereas the fragility of the Algerian state is triggering migration;
- 1. Is astounded by the EU's relative silence on the Hirak movement and the numerous demonstrations in favour of democratic reform in Algeria;
- 2. Stresses that those involved in the Hirak movement are non-violent, respectful of the sovereignty of their country, and are merely seeking greater civic engagement;
- 3. Notes that Algerians should have the right to live and prosper in their country, and that the Algerian Government's disastrous policies are forcing many of them into exile; emphasises, in this regard, that it is the State's duty to prevent forced migration;
- 4. Calls on the EU to be more exacting in its relations with the Algerian Government.

