



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure
on an EU-wide register of convicted sex offenders

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on an EU-wide register of convicted sex offenders

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Child Guarantee,
 - having regard to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence,
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas society should be protected to the utmost degree possible against sex offenders who are in danger of re-offending;
- B. whereas convicted sex offenders, and in particular those whose offences involved child pornography, should not be placed in positions of trust vis-à-vis women and children, for example in nurseries or aid organisations;
- C. whereas sex offenders include the prominent footballer who worked for a children’s charity and was even given an audience by the Pope in recognition of his contribution to society, but was later convicted of possession and distribution of child pornography¹;
- D. whereas the US National Sex Offender Registry should serve as a model;
1. Calls for the establishment of an EU-wide register of convicted sex offenders;
 2. Urges that, in addition to law enforcement agencies, sensitive establishments such as nurseries and women’s counselling services should be given access to this register, to prevent convicted sex offenders from using a job in such an environment to target potential victims;
 3. Calls on its committee responsible to draw up a report on the legal options for introducing a register in Member States and to consider whether full publication would be legally permissible and, if so, what practical arrangements would be needed.

¹ <https://www.spiegel.de/panorama/justiz/christoph-metzelder-legt-teilgestaendnis-ab-a-93f1f8fa-55e2-43ea-9f97-b25cd8d3bf2a>