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on respect for the principles of religious freedom and the secular nature of the State in the future European Constitution

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on respect for the principles of religious freedom and the secular nature of the State in the future European Constitution**

*The European Parliament,*

- A. whereas religious freedom and the right to change religion and to express religious belief by means of religious worship and association are rights recognised in international, European and national law on human rights and fundamental freedoms,
- B. whereas the principles of the secular nature of the State, of the separation and independence of Church and State, of equality and non-discrimination between citizens, and hence between the various religions and churches, are fundamental to democracy and the constitutional State,
- C. whereas the European Union unites within its borders citizens of various nationalities, origins, languages, races, religions and beliefs - even more following enlargement - with the common purpose of ensuring peace, progress and prosperity for all,
  - 1. Calls on the Convention and its members, the Council and the national parliaments:
    - to ensure that no direct or indirect reference to a specific religion or faith is made in the future European Constitution,
    - to guarantee religious freedom and the right to change religion and to express religious belief by means of religious worship and association, as well as the principles of the secular nature of the State and the separation and independence of Church and State.