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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure,

on the Equal Rights Amendment to the American
Constitution

The European Parliament,

- A. having adopted the principles of sexual equality sanctioned by the United Nations,
 - B. whereas the United States Congress has rejected the amendment to the Constitution, referred to as the 'Equal Rights Amendment', on equal rights for men and women,
 - C. whereas this amendment was essential to prevent further legal discrimination against women, given the inadequacy of the principle already contained in the American Constitution whereby all people are equal before the law,
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- 1. Calls the attention of the United States to the need to comply with, at the earliest possible opportunity, Article 2 of the United Nations Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, incorporating the principle of sexual equality in its own national constitutions;
 - 2. Urges the political powers to give their support to the 'Equal Rights Amendment' before the deadline of 14 July;
 - 3. Expresses solidarity with American women who have been fighting for more than a decade to improve their Constitution and thereby their condition;
 - 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Federal Congress of the United States.