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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs LIZIN

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the revision of the Geneva Convention relating to  
status of refugees

PE 80.035

The European Parliament,

- A having regard to the fact that in certain countries women are the victims of extortion or inhuman treatment for infringing the moral or ethical code imposed on the social group to which they belong on the basis of cultural or religious traditions,
  - B having regard to the fact that the actions of which they are accused do not constitute offences or crimes under provisions of international criminal law or United Nations agreements,
  - C having regard to the fact that those who subject them to extortion or inhuman treatment have, because they belong to that social group, immunity from criminal proceedings or an excuse which grants them absolution,
  - D having regard to the fact that the Geneva Convention relating to the status of refugees covers all persons who have a 'well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular political group or political opinion' and disregards persecution on grounds of sex,
1. Requests that the International Secretariat bring the matter to the attention of the States which are signatories of that Convention for the purpose of including the word 'sex' therein on the same basis as the words 'race, religion, .....';
  2. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the proper authorities.