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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr JOSSELIN, Mrs SEIBEL-EMMERLING, Mr LOMAS,
Mr BALFE, Mr MEGAHY, Mr VAN MINNEN, Mr SCHIELER,
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Mrs DESMOND, Mrs VIEHOFF, Mrs VAYSSADE, Mrs FUILLET
and Mr ROGERS

with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the UK Government's proposals for
immigration controls

The European Parliament,

- noting Community Member States' obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights, in particular Article 14, which states that:
'the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any grounds such as sex, race, etc.',
 - noting that informed legal opinion is that these UK proposals contravene Article 14,
 - aware of recent attempts within the Community to eliminate discrimination on grounds of sex in the laws of procedure of Member States,
 - noting with alarm that the UK Government's proposals are to prevent British women not born in the UK and whose parents were not born in the UK from living in Britain with their foreign husbands - proposals which would mainly affect coloured women and create three classes of British citizens, namely men, women with parents born in the UK and women born abroad whose parents were born abroad,
 - noting that the implementation of these proposals would mean unequal treatment for citizens of different Community countries - women from all countries except Britain being able to live anywhere in the Community (including Britain) with their foreign husbands,
1. Deplores any move by the UK Government to establish immigration controls which discriminate against women;
 2. Urges the UK Government to introduce nationality laws on non-discriminatory lines in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

31 March 1980 is the last date by which the order for these revised immigration rules can be reversed.