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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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to be entered in the register pursuant to
Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on sex discrimination

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 8 and 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights,
 - having regard to the opinion contained in the Council of Europe's resolution 756 (1981) on discrimination against homosexuals,
 - having regard to the Council of Europe's recommendation 924 (1981),
 - having regard to the statement by the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs that sex discrimination is a violation of human rights,
 - whereas, despite the reform of legislation relating to homosexuals introduced in several Member States in recent years, discrimination against homosexuals still persists, especially in employment,
 - having regard to a recent case involving the dismissal of a woman teacher in Belgium,
1. Affirms its determination to combat all forms of discrimination and oppression;
 2. Reasserts that every individual has the right to work and to equal treatment, irrespective of his or her sexual orientation;
 3. Reaffirms that factors relating to the private lives of employees, such as their behaviour and life style outside the workplace, should not be taken into account in the relationship between employer and employee;
 4. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary action to put an end to discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation;
 5. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.