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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr COLLINS, Mrs EWING, Miss DE VALERA,
Mr ENRIGHT and

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the burning of brides in India

'The European Parliament,

- A. shocked by recent reports of the burning of brides in India in disputes concerning the payment of dowries,
- B. considering that the institution of the dowry was abolished by the Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961,
 - 1. Expresses its horror at these barbaric events;
 - 2. Deplores the tendency of police authorities to accept too easily explanations of purported household accidents and thus to fail to properly record instances of bride burning;
 - 3. Calls on the Indian authorities to take immediate and effective steps to implement existing legislation concerning the abolition of the dowry, and to ensure the protection of young brides from the excessive greed of the husband's family;
 - 4. Instructs its delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia to inform their counterparts in the Indian Parliament of the horror felt by this Assembly on learning of these events, and to ask that they use their influence in their local, regional and national instances with a view to ending these happenings;
 - 5. Calls on the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to acquaint the Indian authorities with the repugnance felt in Europe at these events;
 - 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of Ministers and the Commission of the European Communities, and to the Indian Government.'