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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

~~on~~ prostitution in Europe

The European Parliament,

- whereas prostitution and its attendant evil, the traffic in persons for the purposes of prostitution, are incompatible with human dignity and respect for the human person and jeopardize the well-being of the individual and the community,

- whereas there are in existence international instruments for the suppression of the traffic in women and children, such as:
 1. The International Agreement of 18 May 1904 for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic as amended by the Protocol approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 3 December 1948;
 2. The International Convention of 4 May 1910 for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic as amended by the abovementioned Protocol;
 3. The International Convention of 30 September 1921 for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children as amended by the Protocol approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 October 1947;
 4. The International Convention of 11 October 1933 for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age as amended by the abovementioned Protocol;

- whereas the recent trial of seven procurers in Grenoble (France) clearly revealed the true face of prostitution, compounded of violence, torture, fear, and exploitation of the most vulnerable and isolated by the strongest, for the sole purpose of amassing money to finance a substantial black market involving international traffic in persons, arms and narcotics,

- having regard to the definite rise in prostitution among persons under 20 years of age, and the responsibility borne by the older generation for them,

- whereas the regulatory and abolitionist systems currently in force in the various Member States of the Community have in fact resulted in a highly organized and expanding network of prostitution in Europe,

- whereas some might regard the torture of persons for the purposes of prostitution as a mitigating factor for the torturer,
calls upon the Commission to draw up a report on the traffic in persons for purposes of prostitution in the nine Member States,

- laying down a policy for prevention and reintegration and

- listing the various measures in force in the Member States for the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others.