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on forced marriage

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on forced marriage

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the principle of free consent, which cannot be justified on any cultural grounds,
- B. whereas forced marriage is a violation of human rights which are enshrined in various international conventions and which count among the basic principles of the European Union as an area of security, freedom and justice,
- C. whereas, in their Bamako Declaration of 29 March 2001, the French-speaking countries' Ministers for Child Protection reaffirmed the principle that *'the consent of future spouses must be given freely. Otherwise, the marriage is null and void and any sexual act will be considered to be an act of sexual violence'*,

Calls on the Council, the Commission and the Member States

- 1. to consider forced marriage as a serious infringement of the right to give one's consent freely,
- 2. to acknowledge that the risk of being subjected to a forced marriage is sufficient reason for a person to be granted the right to repatriation to their EU country of residence if the marriage is due to take place in a third country,
- 3. to make action to combat forced marriages a priority in EU relations with third countries through the application of the 'human rights clause',
- 4. to support NGOs working towards the elimination of such practices in countries where they are allowed on grounds of culture and tradition.