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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

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**European Parliament resolution on recognition of the arduous nature of prison staff work**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the prison system is undergoing a transition of historic proportions,
- B. whereas enlargement means that this transition must be addressed in a manner not limited to reduplicating the traditional approach: alongside the rights of prisoners there must be rights for prison staff,
- C. whereas issues relating to the redefinition of the roles and professional status of prison staff, who often have to answer for events attributable to organisational and structural shortcomings, have received no attention,
- D. whereas for numerous reasons the profession of prison officer should be considered an arduous one that must necessarily be included on the list of arduous occupations to be drawn up in the European Union,
- E. whereas there is a need to take an initiative that has political, economic and administrative costs which must nonetheless be met, both for reasons of ethics and solidarity and to improve the functioning of a sector, wrongly undervalued, that has enormous social relevance,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to present a legislative proposal aimed at extending the provisions on arduous work to prison staff, in consideration of both the quantitative and qualitative aspects of their work (e.g. the importance of permanent night work and working in confined spaces), granting due recognition to that arduous work not only in terms of social security but also in logistical, insurance, training and institutional terms.