



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on defending freedom of information and the case of Julian Assange

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on defending freedom of information and the case of Julian Assange

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the 2010 WikiLeaks revelations concerning the US Government,
 - having regard to the US extradition request for Julian Assange made in 2019,
 - having regard to the Westminster Magistrates Court ruling,
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas numerous violations of the freedom of the press are taking place in Europe;
- B. whereas the US is persecuting Julian Assange for being a whistleblower and revealing information that was instrumental in helping the public all over the world to better understand US interventions;
- C. whereas the British Home Secretary could agree to extradite Julian Assange to the US at any time;
1. Finds that the European Union's double standards in defending freedom of information undermine its credibility;
 2. Emphasises that third countries are dismayed at Europe's attitude towards Julian Assange, since the EU has always sought to portray itself as a global leader in protecting human rights;
 3. Maintains that the information disclosed by Julian Assange and WikiLeaks is essential to understanding the US Army's actions in Iraq and Afghanistan;
 4. Condemns the pressure applied by the United States in relation to the extradition of a whistleblower;
 5. Encourages Member States to grant political asylum to Julian Assange.