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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs MAIJ-WEGGEN, Mrs BOOT,  
Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI, Mrs MOREAU, Mrs LENZ,  
Mrs SCHLEICHER, Mrs LENTZ-CORNETTE, Mr KLEPSCH,  
Mr VANDEWIELE, Mr RINSCHÉ, Mr HOFFMANN, Mr NORDLOHNE,  
Mr VAN DER GUN, Mr JANSSEN VAN RAAJ, Mr SIMONNET,  
Mr SEITLINGER, Mr HELMS, Mr ESTGEN, Mr LANGES,  
Mr GHERGO, Mr ALBER, Mr MICHEL and Mr SÄLZER

on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party  
(Christian-Democratic Group)

Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM, Mrs VAN DEN HEUVEL, Mrs ROUDY  
and Mr GLINNE

on behalf of the Socialist Group

Mrs S. MARTIN and Mrs Von ALEMANN

Miss ROBERTS, Miss HOOPER and Mr JOHNSON

on behalf of the European Democratic Group

Mrs SQUARCIALUPI

Mrs DEKKER and Mrs BONINO  
Mrs DIENESCH and Mrs CHOURAQUI  
with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the urgent signing and ratification of the  
UN Convention prohibiting any form of discrimination  
against women.

PE 64.031/rev.

## The European Parliament,

Having regard to the fact that

- on 18 December 1979, at its 34th session, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the text of the 'Convention prohibiting any form of discrimination against women',
  - all the Member States of the European Communities voted in favour of this Convention at the United Nations,
  - this Convention is an important instrument for promoting equality between men and women in national and international society,
  - the promotion of equality between men and women in the Member States of the European Community is one of the European Parliament's most important tasks,
1. Notes that, pursuant to Article 27(2) of the Convention, it will only come into force when at least twenty countries have ratified it.
  2. Calls urgently on the Council:
    - to do its utmost to ensure that the nine countries of the European Community sign and ratify this Convention as soon as possible,
    - to do its utmost to ensure that the Convention may be signed by the nine countries of the European Community at the United Nations' World Conference on the UN ten-year plan to improve the position of women, which is to be held in the Danish capital, Copenhagen, from 14 - 30 July,
    - to take all the requisite measures at an early date;
  3. Requests the Commission to examine whether the European Community as such can sign and ratify this Convention and to inform Parliament of its findings at an early date;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

### JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The purpose of this resolution is to encourage the nine countries of the Community to sign this convention as soon as possible (July 1980, Copenhagen). Quick action by the Council is needed to this end. Parliament should urge the Council to take this action. This does not require lengthy deliberations, simply a quick decision by Parliament.