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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SEAL, Mr LOMAS, Miss QUIN, Mr ENRIGHT,
Mr CABORN, Mr BOYES, Mrs BUCHAN,
Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr COLLINS, Mr MUNTINGH
and Mr MEGAHY

with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the [/]UK Government's proposals for immigration
controls

The European Parliament,

- noting Community Member States' obligation under the European Convention on Human Rights, in particular Article 14 which states that :

'the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any grounds such as sex, race, etc.',
 - aware of recent attempts within the Community to eliminate discrimination on grounds of sex in the laws of procedure of Member States,
 - noting with alarm the UK Government's recent proposals to prevent British women not born in the UK from living in Britain with their foreign husbands - proposals which would create three classes of British citizens - men, women born in the UK and women born abroad,
 - noting that the implementation of these proposals would mean unequal treatment for citizens of different Community countries - women from all countries except Britain being able to live anywhere in the Community (including Britain) with their foreign husbands,
1. Deplores any move by the UK Government to establish immigration controls which discriminate against women;
 2. Urges the UK Government to introduce nationality laws on non-discriminatory lines in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The recent statements by the British Home Secretary on this matter call for an immediate reaction from the European Parliament.