Resolution on Sarajevo as a European Capital of Culture 2014

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Following the debate which took place during the sitting of 12 May 2011, the European Parliament adopted a resolution tabled by the Committee on Culture and Education on Sarajevo as a European Capital of Culture 2014.

Members note that Decision No 1622/2006/EC establishing a Community action for the European Capital of Culture event for the years 2007 to 2019 currently applies only to the EU Member States. However, they call on the Council to award the title of European Capital of Culture exceptionally to Sarajevo in 2014, noting that Sarajevo has a special place in European history and culture and will commemorate several important anniversaries in 2014.

Members believe that this would be an important step towards transcending past European divisions and showcasing the New Europe by awarding the title of European Capital of Culture to a city which was the site of such tragic events in the course of the 20th century.