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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the abolition of the European Economic and Social Committee

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the abolition of the European Economic and Social Committee

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 13(4) of the Treaty on the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas many of the activities of the Economic and Social Committee (for example the sending of delegations or the organisation of conferences) do not relate to the fundamental task of this institution which is to make recommendations to the Council, Parliament and the Commission;
- B. whereas the other task assigned to the European Economic and Social Committee, concertation between 'civil society' and the EU institutions, could also be accomplished through direct contacts between the organisations and institutions concerned;
- C. whereas much of the work carried out by the European Economic and Social Committee is duplicated within the Council, Commission and Parliament, which is wasteful;
- D. whereas it is perfectly possible to organise meetings between workers' and employers' representatives at European level (for example annual meetings on European Parliament premises), an arrangement which would obviate the need for a European Economic and Social Committee with its own facilities, its own staff, etc.;
- E. whereas taxpayers have the right to expect that their money is used wisely;
- 1. Calls for Article 13(4) of the Treaty on European Union to be deleted;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.