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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the European Year of the Child

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the European Year of the Child

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted in New York on 20 November 1989,
 - having regard to Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to the EU Guidelines for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the Child,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas all the EU Member States have ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and have a clear legal obligation to promote, protect and uphold the rights of every child within their respective jurisdictions;
- B. whereas the rights of the child – namely the principle of the best interests of the child, the child’s right to life, survival and development, non-discrimination and respect for the child’s right to express an opinion – are relevant to all EU policies;
- C. whereas around 100 million children live in the EU;
- D. whereas children are particularly affected by poverty and by cuts in social security systems and key social benefits such as family allowances, and whereas such cuts have increased in the EU since 2007;
1. Calls on the Commission to propose the European Year of the Child.