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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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

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

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the forthcoming EU Strategy for the Alpine Region,
 - having regard to the Interreg V programme,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas mountains occupy 41.3 % of Europe's territory and are home to 25.4 % of its people;
- B. whereas Europe's mountains are of vital importance to its population in four main ways: (1) as 'water towers' supplying much of the continent's water and as sources of hydroelectric power, (2) as centres of both biological and cultural diversity, (3) in providing recreational and tourism opportunities, and (4) because of their sensitivity to environmental change, as manifest in the melting of glaciers;
- C. whereas human activity and infrastructure in mountainous regions are more costly and fragile than in flat areas;
- D. whereas the specific needs of mountainous areas are not sufficiently integrated into regional, national and European policies;
- E. whereas European cooperation would permit the creation of tools and instruments for planning the management of mountainous areas with the aim of achieving sustainable mountain development;
1. Calls on the Commission to propose the European Year of Mountains.