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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on dismantling residential institutions for children

**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on dismantling residential institutions for children**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
  - having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas one major impediment to the realisation of the EU's commitment to children is the continued use of residential institutions by Member States instead of community-based care alternatives;
- B. whereas there are an estimated one million children in institutionalised care in Europe;
- C. whereas research shows that children in institutions are 10 times more likely to be involved in prostitution, 40 times more likely to have a criminal record, and 500 times more likely to commit suicide;
- D. whereas the transition from institutional to community-based forms of care requires increased housing-related support to enable vulnerable people to live independently;
- E. whereas European Structural and Investment FUND (ESIF) regulations prohibit EU funds from being devoted to renovating residential institutions or building new ones;
- F. whereas the lack of strong sanctions associated with this legislation may prevent the EU from effectively enforcing this policy in the Member States;
1. Calls on the Commission to issue guidance to encourage Member States to dismantle residential institutions for children.