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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on fighting severe poverty in towns

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on fighting severe poverty in towns

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 1, 14, 15, 34 and 35 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU,
- having regard to the conclusions of the European Council meetings in respect of social exclusion,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas extreme poverty is an attack on people's fundamental rights, brings costs to society and hampers sustainable economic growth;
- B. whereas nearly 1 in 7 people in the EU is at risk of poverty; whereas the figures are even higher for groups such as children and older people;
- C. whereas extreme poverty has to be tackled by promoting solidarity among citizens;
- D. whereas the Europe 2020 strategy promotes social inclusion, particularly through the reduction of poverty, by aiming to lift at least 20 million people out of the risk of poverty and social exclusion;
- 1. Calls on the Commission for stronger control over the Member States' commitments to developing workable strategies, including exchange of best practice, to ensure equal access to fundamental rights such as education, housing and health care and to culture and sustainable employment, as part of their national plan for social inclusion, and to give priority to the most vulnerable.