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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on fighting poverty in the European Union: an absolute priority

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on fighting poverty in the European Union: an absolute priority

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas, according to the 2014 report by the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT), over six million people are living in absolute poverty in Italy, with over four million of these living below the headline;
 - B. whereas, for Europe as a whole, Eurostat calculated that in 2013, 25 % of EU citizens, or 122.6 million people, were at risk of poverty and social exclusion;
- 1. Calls on the Commission, in view of its competences in the fight against poverty, social exclusion and discrimination, to make the fight against poverty an absolute priority and immediately to take whatever measures are necessary to tackle this social and human tragedy that is affecting around a quarter of the EU's population.