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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on an inclusive employment policy for persons with a disability in Europe

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on an inclusive employment policy for persons with a disability in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union of
 7 December 2000, in particular Articles 21 and 26 thereof,
- having regard to Directive 2000/78/EC,
- having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,
- having regard to the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in the EU one in ten individuals a total of 80 million people has some form of disability (mild or severe);
- B. whereas the principle of 'reasonable accommodation' requires employers, as far as possible, to adapt the workplace to persons with a disability, and whereas they face penalties if they fail to do so;
- C. whereas 16 % of the working population in the EU has a disability;
- D. whereas the unemployment rate of persons with a disability is twice that for able-bodied persons;
- 1. Urges the Commission to do all it can to increase the employment rate of persons with a disability;
- 2. Believes that there is a pressing need for huge investment in new information and communication technologies (NICT) and in bringing public buildings into line with accessibility regulations;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.



