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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on underage drinking

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on underage drinking

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas the rate of alcohol abuse among young people in the majority of European countries is higher than in the US, since 65% of minors in Europe drink alcohol on average twice a month and 9.8% do so more than ten times a month;
 - B. whereas a high percentage of young people in a majority of European countries drinks excessive amounts of alcohol even before the age of 13;
 - C. whereas the enforcement of provisions concerning the legal purchase of alcoholic beverages in combination with suitable education programmes has positive results in preventing the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors;
 - D. whereas the short-term consequences of alcohol abuse, such as accidents and violence, pose a particular threat to minors;

- 1. Calls on the Commission and Member States effectively to enforce provisions relating to the consumption of alcohol by minors, taking into account cultural practices.