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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the recent drop in wages in Italy as reported by the OECD

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the OECD has released its quarterly statistics on labour costs in its 34 member countries, which show that unit labour costs in Italy have fallen by 0.7 % to the detriment of wages;
- B. whereas, while lower labour costs benefit businesses, lower wages are detrimental; whereas wages in Italy are below the average of the 10 most advanced countries in the EU;
- C. whereas low salaries mean lower household consumption, which is at its lowest rate since the introduction of the monetary union;
- Calls on the Commission, which has competence in this area, to act quickly and take the necessary economic measures to boost wages in the EU in Italy in particular as increased household expenditure is necessary for economic growth.

