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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on Italy's dangerously low birth rate (8.5 children per 1 000 head of population)

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Italy's dangerously low birth rate (8.5 children per 1 000 head of population)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the latest Eurostat report shows that the birth rate in Italy is one of the lowest in Europe (8.5 children per 1 000 head of population);
- B. whereas the level in 2014 was the lowest ever recorded since the unification of Italy, with 509 000 births registered and 597 000 deaths;
- C. whereas the reason for this can be found in the almost total lack of legislative and economic measures that help families, apart from a few micro-measures that, while loudly trumpeted by politicians, are of little or no use;
- 1. Is of the opinion that a great many economic and social problems stem from a negative birth rate;
- 2. Rejects the ideological option which sees massive immigration as the solution to this demographic problem;
- 3. Calls on the Commission, as social and employment policy, workers' rights and combating social exclusion all fall within its area of competence, to adopt urgently needed measures that support the traditional family and working and non-working mothers, so as to encourage a rise in the birth rate.