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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the need to balance demographics with economic and social development

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the need to balance demographics with economic and social development

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas according to INED (*Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques*), in 2050 the world population is expected to reach the astronomical figure of ten billion people;
- B. whereas it is predicted that Africa will have a huge population growth that will increase the population from 1.2 billion to some 4.4 billion;
- C. whereas in the face of such a demographic explosion, Italy and Germany are countries bucking the trend, in which population decline is greater;
- D. whereas in the coming years, Europe will have to address important issues such as the negative birth rate and migration pressure that is ten times higher than it has been in recent years;
- 1. Believes that in order to ensure that our economic and social system does not enter into a terminal crisis, it is a matter of urgency that the EU implement far-sighted policies in terms of both the birth rate, by consistently supporting European families, and immigration, by implementing targeted development policies in the countries of departure and by restricting admission criteria to a few, very highly-qualified cases.

