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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on pathological gambling

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on pathological gambling

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas pathological gambling denotes a pathological addiction to gambling, in particular games of chance and those played for money;
- B. whereas this form of addiction is increasing rapidly, especially among young people, and putting many people in danger;
- C. whereas as the Internet and new technologies have developed, pathological gambling has become more widespread, helped by the fact that it is increasingly easy to gamble and there is no need to go to an amusement arcade or a casino;
- D. whereas for those who suffer from it, pathological gambling can often lead to financial and job difficulties and, above all, mental, emotional, and personal unhappiness;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to raise awareness of this form of addiction, avert gambling risks, and curb the spread of facilities accorded to professional gamblers;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, and the Member States.