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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on mutual benefit societies

**Gianluca Buonanno**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on mutual benefit societies**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas mutual benefit societies, first established in Italy in the second half of the 19th century to address the deficiencies of the welfare state, are once again playing an important role in society due to the recession and austerity which has hit Europe, and Italy in particular, over the last decade;
- B. whereas a recent report from the Einaudi Centre in Turin on so-called ‘second welfare’ revealed that there are currently more than one hundred mutual aid societies in Italy, which provide social and healthcare services to around 1 million Italians;
- 1. Calls on the European Commission to adopt legislative and financial measures to support mutual aid societies, an important pillar of European welfare, particularly as they supplement government services and offer an alternative and cheaper way of accessing certain social and healthcare provisions.