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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on helping homeless people in the European Union

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on helping homeless people in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Article 34 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union recognises the fundamental right to housing assistance;
- B. whereas other rights are contingent on the right to proper housing, including the right to family life, the right to privacy and many other civil rights;
- C. whereas, according to an investigation by *The Guardian*, 11 million homes lie empty across Europe;
- D. whereas there are thought to be nearly four million people in the EU who are homeless or poorly housed;
- 1. Calls on Member States to make access to housing for the homeless and the most vulnerable groups a national priority;
- 2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support all policies that tackle the issue of accommodation unfit for habitation and promote the renovation of old housing, focusing in particular on upgrading work and insulation to reduce energy costs;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.