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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on reworking the laws and regulations on welfare provision for elderly people
in need

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on reworking the laws and regulations on welfare provision for elderly people in need

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the old population in the EU is growing;
- B. whereas the guarantee of an untroubled old age is an inalienable right for all and whereas every civilised country has a duty unfailingly to provide for that right, irrespective of the social stratum to which people belong or of the jobs that they might have held while they were working;
- C. whereas the European welfare system consists largely of retirement homes, which, supervised and aided by public authorities, play an indispensable role in accommodating, and caring for, elderly people;
- D. whereas the global economic crisis has caused severe hardship to weaker groups, with the result that elderly people relying solely on their own financial resources often cannot afford the huge expense of care home fees;
 - 1. Believes that greater assistance needs to be provided to protect the over-65s by means of measures to lighten or meet their financial commitments;
 - 2. Proposes, therefore, that legislation be passed whereby European funding would be allocated annually to care homes in order to be shared out among needy elderly people, in accordance with objective criteria to be determined, and thus to provide the support essential for a continuing life with dignity.