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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on rethinking the rules and regulations on tax relief for authors and publishers

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on rethinking the rules and regulations on tax relief for authors and publishers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the international book market is enjoying a period of sustained growth and the number of authors and publishers is increasing;
- B. whereas, as a result of this encouraging development, new bookshops are springing up in towns, bucking the trend towards digital publishing of books;
- C. whereas e-commerce groups are now opening their own physical bookshops, thus showing that there does not have to be any separation between digital and traditional publishing;
- D. whereas new authors and publishers face a range of practical and financial problems, both in getting books into print and in covering costs and taxes;
- 1. Believes that greater attention should be paid to this issue;
- 2. Calls for legislative action to create a more favourable environment for the traditional book industry and for new authors and small publishers.