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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on reviewing legislation in order to combat gambling addiction

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on reviewing legislation in order to combat gambling addiction

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas throughout the European Union lawful online gambling is increasingly widespread and accessible on the Internet even by minors, even though it is explicitly prohibited;
- B. whereas statistics on online gambling addiction show that it is steadily increasing, which is leading not only to widespread public concern but also to an inevitable increase in public health spending;
- C. whereas there are still no laws and standard rules for this sector that cover the entire EU, even though the Member States hold the legislative monopoly in this area;
- 1. Believes that greater attention should be paid to this issue, which should be regarded as a priority;
- 2. Suggests that the Commission take legislative action to establish programmes and draw up regulations to combat this increasingly widespread problem.