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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the promotion of sport, particularly rugby

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the promotion of sport, particularly rugby

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to a report by the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) in June 2015, the Member States spend an average of EUR 80.4 billion a year on treating illnesses caused by lack of physical exercise;
- B. whereas, according to a Eurobarometer survey, nearly 50% of Europeans never do sport or physical exercise;
- C. whereas sport, and particularly rugby, is a powerful vehicle for cohesion and for social and cultural links, and whereas it encourages integration and mutual assistance;
- D. whereas the sport of rugby, which was established in 1889, has nearly 4 million registered players in the world, over half of whom are in Europe, with the largest number in the UK and then France;
- 1. Asks the Commission to encourage the Member States to support physical activity and sport in their policies and to promote the values of cohesion conveyed by sport;
- 2. Urges the Commission to promote rugby in particular as an instrument of social cohesion, health and education in the EU's most disadvantaged communities;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.