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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the implications of youth unemployment for public health

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## Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the implications of youth unemployment for public health

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in its report on global well-being published on 3 October 2016, the consulting company Gallup concluded that unemployment had devastating effects on the health of 15- to 29-year-olds in 47 developed countries, given that only 26% of unemployed respondents within this category had considered themselves to be in optimum physical health, a proportion similar to that of employed respondents older than 50 (24%);
- B. whereas a survey of 6 253 National Child Development Study subjects published on 20 December 2012 (Daly, Delaney) revealed a causal link between experience of unemployment and a deterioration in mental health at 50 years old;
- C. whereas youth unemployment is linked to a higher suicide rate and an increase in highrisk behaviour, and whereas it is also important to consider the long-term mental and emotional implications of unemployment in the early stages of professional life;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to reevaluate its youth employment programmes and to consider them a priority of its Europe 2020 strategy.

