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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on preventing school bullying

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on preventing school bullying

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 6 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - 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, according to a March 2011 report by Unicef and the International Observatory of Violence in School, 11.7% of children in France say that they have been bullied at school;
- B. whereas insults, humiliation, ostracisation, rumours and physical violence inflicted repeatedly by one or more schoolchildren on another over a long period of time are all forms of school bullying;
- C. whereas the rise of the internet, mobile phones and social networks means that an average of four teenagers in France commit suicide every year as a result of cyber-bullying, and 40% of pupils say that they have suffered online abuse;
- D. whereas 22% of those affected by bullying do not talk about their experiences, which, according to a study published in 2013 by the American journal *Psychological Science*, have lifelong effects on the victims (social relationships, work, health, etc.);
1. Urges the Commission to support the prevention of school bullying at European level.