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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the dangers for children of excessive screen use

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European Parliament motion for a resolution on the dangers for children of excessive screen use

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to a study by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) published on 21 October 2016, using devices with screens makes it much more likely that children will suffer obesity, depression, sleep problems, academic failure and experience early exposure to alcohol, tobacco and sex;
- B. whereas French children aged between four and six spend on average 2 hours 20 minutes per day in front of screens, and whereas that average period is increasing;
- C. whereas time spent in front of screens reduces the time available for activities which are essential for child development and for preserving family harmony;

Calls on the Commission to:

1. encourage initiatives designed to make parents aware of the many dangers for their children of using devices with screens;
2. ensure that information is made available to consumers about the need to protect young children from the dangers of excessive screen use, for example through appropriate labelling.