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for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

on mobility and inclusion of disabled people and the European strategy 2010-2020 for disabled people
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Underlines that the European strategy 2010-2020 must make a contribution to:
 - social inclusion of 80 million disabled people in the European Union and facilitating the work of their carers, particularly women;
 - raising the awareness of the people concerned and coordinating their actions, since clear objectives have been set and recommendations made;
2. Underlines the need for early diagnosis and solutions allowing as many disabled people as possible to live independently, with access to education and work and able to exercise their social rights;
3. Notes that disabled children are often cared for by their mothers, who have to cope with medical, educational and administrative procedures, which has an adverse impact on their careers; calls on Member States to make working hours more flexible so that these women are no longer excluded from the job market;
4. Notes the advances made through the work of parents' or disabled people's associations, which are often led by women; calls for their commitment to such organisations to be taken into account in an accreditation of their professional experience;
5. Notes that as the population ages and diseases develop, disabilities arise which often affect women; encourages the Member States to increase accessibility and put more measures in place to assist disabled people and their carers;
6. Points out that disabled women are often victims of violence; calls for Member States to introduce support mechanisms;
7. Underlines the difficulties disabled women face in gaining access to employment, and adds that they should be encouraged to follow study courses and use new information and communication technologies, while enterprises should be urged to employ them.