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on a ban on the sale and distribution in Europe of the video game ‘Rule of Rose’ and the creation of a European Observatory on childhood and minors

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a ban on the sale and distribution in Europe of the video game ‘Rule of Rose’ and the creation of a European Observatory on childhood and minors

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas nowadays in Europe a lot of violent video games for children are on sale, and a new video game called ‘Rule of Rose’, which features children and perverse, violent and sadistic images that are harmful to human dignity, was recently released in Europe,
- B. whereas the aim of the video game is to bury alive a girl who has undergone psychosexual and physical violence bordering on perversion and sadism,
- C. whereas this video game is only the latest of a series that has become increasingly popular with the younger generation and whose only end is the instigation of violence, bullying and abuse of the weakest,
- D. whereas bullying is a phenomenon that is growing dramatically in Europe and in Italy and whereas there have been serious episodes of violence among minors including the harassment of a disabled boy (which the perpetrator filmed and posted on the Internet),
- E. whereas Community institutions have always protected and safeguarded the rights of minors,
- 1. Calls on Member States to put in place all necessary measures to ban the sale of particularly violent and cruel video games;
- 2. Calls for a European Observatory on childhood and minors to be set up to preventively monitor video game content and define a single code of conduct for the sale and distribution of children’s video games.