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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on domestic violence

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on domestic violence

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas situations of financial hardship are often at the root of violence in the family,
- B. whereas in some parts of the EU Member States employment leads to despair and even drives out human feelings,
- C. whereas domestic violence is at the root of provisions requiring minors to leave their families and to be placed in residential centres or other facilities, which are not always entirely suited to providing appropriate care for the children,
- D. whereas this entails sustantial costs, in both economic and social terms,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to urge Member States to take all possible measures to keep minors in their families, providing the families with direct aid equal to the cost of boarding in a relevant centre and to take on the services of a children's ombudsman responsible for permanent monitoring of and periodic reporting on the situation of minors in the families receiving such financial aid.