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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on accessibility of goods and services

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on accessibility of goods and services

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission press release of 2 December 2015¹,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas access to goods and services for persons with a disability should be a priority for the Member States;
- B. whereas the draft revision of the directive on accessibility requirements for products and services is an attempt to establish an EU-level harmonisation that is impossible to achieve, given the significant disparities between Member States in this area;
- C. whereas the revised version is likely to be obsolete before it has even come into force;
- D. whereas the revised directive only very briefly touches upon the very heavy financial burden the relevant parties will have to bear;
- E. whereas the revised version is also an attempt to promote the single market to the detriment of national economies;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to leave Member States in charge of legislating on accessibility requirements for goods and services targeted at persons with a disability, given that Member States are best placed to address the needs of their citizens with disabilities, in partnership with the relevant representative associations.

¹ Commission press release of 2 December 2015: ‘Commission proposes to make products and services more accessible to the disabled persons’.