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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 113 of the Rules of Procedure

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on a code of ethics for European journalists regarding children's rights

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a code of ethics for European journalists regarding children's rights

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 14, 24 and 35 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,
 - having regard to the European Strategy on the Rights of the Child,
 - having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to the Charter of Treviso adopted by the Italian Journalists' Association and the FNSI (Italian Union of Journalists) as updated, together with the accompanying Vademecum, in 2006,
- B. recalling that journalists must:
- comply with the criminal, civil and administrative provisions which regulate the dissemination of information and judicial reporting (Tuesday on-line) with regard to children;
 - guarantee the anonymity of minors involved in cases covered by the media and in cases of foster care or adoption or regarding the abduction of minors, where separated or divorced parents are in dispute over custody rights;
 - avoid the publication of pictures of children and personal data concerning them, or request permission from the competent authorities;
 - avoid the participation of children in broadcasts that may be harmful to their dignity or their physical and emotional well-being;
 - not encourage copy-cat behaviour when reporting cases involving behaviour harmful to others or self-harm;
 - act sensitively regarding the dissemination of images and stories and avoid sensationalism which could lead to exploitation of the individual;
1. Calls on the Member States taking over the principles laid down in the Treviso Charter to adopt a European Charter.