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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Culture and Education

on the implementation report on the EU Youth Strategy
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Culture and Education, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas, according to Eurostat, youth unemployment stood at 18.7% in 2016, even exceeding 40% in some countries;
 - B. whereas the overall lack of investment in young people's rights will contribute to the aggravation of phenomena such as declining populations, the lack of professional qualifications or the dismantling of social security systems;
1. Stresses that an inclusive youth policy is inseparable from the defence and promotion of decent work, grounded in collective labour agreements, with non-precarious labour relations, adequate salaries and wages, high-quality, free, universal public services, and programmes facilitating political and cultural participation, parenthood, well-being and creativity;
 2. Argues that individuals' transition into the labour market is facilitated by a comprehensive education system that ensures they acquire cross-cutting skills that promote critical thinking, universality and multicultural dialogue, fostering employability not through early specialisation, but rather by enabling the attainment of a wide variety of qualifications;
 3. Calls on the Commission to propose an increase in the funding, powers and scope of programmes promoting the employability and social inclusion of young people, ensuring that these funds are not used to help create unpaid internships or precarious work or replace permanent jobs with temporary ones or internships.