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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on culture and the economy

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on culture and the economy

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas culture is a fundamental aspect of European integration whose value cannot be appreciated in terms of a market; whereas it affects the past and future of the Union, through the prospective enrichment of the Union's cultural dimension following enlargement in particular,
 - B. whereas, at the same time, culture unquestionably has an economic dimension, creates its own economic reality and is an instrumental factor in promoting economic integration in the European Union,
 - C. whereas culture could have a significant impact on development in Europe through creating a large number of jobs,
 - D. whereas the rapid growth of new technologies is opening up new directions and opportunities for developing the European cultural model, in which the European cultural sector will be a significant factor,
 - E. whereas culture and tourism are often closely linked in the process of regional economic development in the European Union; whereas steps should therefore be taken to ensure that both sectors benefit from that process,
1. Is convinced that in order to implement the Lisbon decisions, which defined Europe as a knowledge-based society, a cultural policy which sets out the economic conditions for the development of the European cultural model must be devised, focusing particularly on employment, tourism and the new technologies;
 2. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal to that end and to make provision for studies into the impact of culture on Member States' policies?