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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on setting up a European Ombudsman for Children

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on setting up a European Ombudsman for Children

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the protection of human rights and human dignity should start with the protection of children's rights,
- B. whereas, recently, new forms of violation of children's rights have emerged, such as the organised exploitation of street children and child prostitution, including the use of the Internet, which exist alongside the older forms such as child labour and child abuse,
- C. having regard to the increase in the number of violations of the rights of child migrants, which are becoming increasingly frequent,
- D. having regard to Council of Europe Recommendation 1460/2000 on setting up a European Ombudsman for Children,
- E. having regard to the previous reports by Mr Cox and Mr Zimmerman on the protection of minors,
- F. whereas the majority of the Member States have set up a Children's Advocate,
 - 1. Is convinced that a European policy on childhood should be developed in tandem with the Member States' adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child, as revised next May,
 - 2. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for setting up a European Ombudsman for Children and to support the Member States' efforts to develop a policy on childhood, and calls on the European Union to establish children's rights as a basic principle of its actions, pending amendment of the Treaty.