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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

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on recognition of obesity as a social inconvenience and as an objective, serious and disabling condition

European Parliament resolution on recognition of obesity as a social inconvenience and as an objective, serious and disabling condition

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas the WHO has declared obesity a 'pan-European epidemic', with half of all Europeans overweight, 25% considered obese and 7% seriously obese - i.e. weighing 60% more than their ideal bodyweight,
 - B. whereas obesity is considered to be the main cause of preventable death from metabolic, cardiovascular and cancer diseases, with very high social and economic costs,
 - C. whereas obese persons can only avail themselves of clinical diagnosis tools with extreme difficulty,
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1. Calls on the Commission to recognise serious obesity as an objective disabling condition and in general as a source of social inconvenience;
 2. Calls on the Commission to promote and implement measures aimed at managing and curbing the phenomenon of obesity, with resulting beneficial effects in terms of the psycho-physical health of those concerned and the social costs.