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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on establishing vocational training programmes for young farmers

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on establishing vocational training programmes for young farmers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 5 June 2008 on the future for young farmers under the ongoing reform of the CAP (2007/2194(INI)),
 - having regard to the *Notre Europe* study ‘CAP reform beyond 2013: An idea for a longer view’,
 - having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 90% of the EU citizens interviewed in the latest Eurobarometer survey said they considered agriculture and rural areas to be important for the future of Europe,
- B. whereas there is a need to promote the vocational training of young farmers and to encourage new generations to work in agriculture by making it easier for young farmers to become established,
- C. whereas there is a need to help young farmers master the skills relevant to farm management,
1. Proposes that programmes aimed at young farmers be established to enable them to undertake work placements on farms in other EU countries;
 2. Calls on the Commission actively to support the legal basis and financing needed for the launch of those programmes as there is an urgent need to attract younger generations in rural areas;
 3. Calls on the Member States to promote and encourage the participation of young farmers in such programmes as a solution needs to be found to rural unemployment by providing new opportunities and new sources of income.