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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure
on teenagers running away from home

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on teenagers running away from home

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there has been an alarming rise in the number of youngsters between the ages of 12 and 18 who run away from home, many of whom without being heard from again;
- B. having regard to the intense activity of national associations which protect children who have gone missing and/or have been sexually exploited;
- C. having regard to the cooperation of those associations, in searching for those children, with the European network 'Missing Children Europe (MCE)';
- D. whereas no follow-up to these reports on missing children has yet been planned, with the aim of making families more aware of expressions of unease on the part of their children, which could be an indication that they are planning to run away;
- E. whereas the teenagers themselves might not be capable of assessing the causes of their difficulties, which are often related to growth issues and a subconscious conflict with the adult world;
- F. having regard also to the difficulties that can arise in the clash with a society deemed to be soulless, with a culture that offers no certainty, except for the virtual certainty of computer technologies;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to propose a follow-up to the MCE Network by identifying a project that involves families, helping them to understand and develop a rational awareness of teenage unease, involving young people themselves and providing adequate and comprehensive information on the wide-ranging risks involved in living on the streets and running away from home.