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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the European responsibilities of the national parliaments

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the European responsibilities of the national parliaments

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas the lack of democratic scrutiny undermines the legitimacy of and trust in the European project;
 - B. whereas the national parliaments are assemblies having full sovereignty which can act together in exerting, on behalf of their different peoples, a high degree of control over the activities of the Union;
1. Calls for the introduction, through an interinstitutional agreement, of an interparliamentary pillar to organise the network of the national parliaments, allowing them to:
 - scrutinise subsidiarity, henceforth to be understood as allowing the Union to act under two cumulative conditions: (1) if the objectives of the envisaged action cannot be satisfactorily realised at the national level; and (2) if democratic control is not thereby diminished;
 - intervene should they so wish in EU decision-making, by exercising a right of veto or a right of non-participation;
 - exercise both prior and follow-up monitoring of all Council of Ministers meetings at EU level through specialised interparliamentary groupings of their members;
 - take decisions of a European nature that are immediately applicable in their respective Member States;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.