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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on specific funding to support the Member States in managing medical expenses for the elderly

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on specific funding to support the Member States in managing medical expenses for the elderly

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 549/2013,
- having regard to Commission Communication COM(2002)143 final,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the 28 EU Member States are now faced with a rapidly and progressively ageing population;
- B. whereas this new demographic trend, accentuated by decreasing birth rates, risks having a negative impact on public spending by increasing the proportion of funding allocated to pensions and healthcare for the elderly;
- C. whereas the Member States should take national measures to manage the situation, and whereas these measures cannot be homogenous and uniform in all the Member States;
- D. whereas the European Union, although unable to interfere in matters that fall solely within the competence of the Member States, cannot ignore an issue of European citizenship;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to establish support mechanisms for the Member States, including, for example, specific funding for support in managing medical expenses for the elderly.