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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on respect for multilingualism in the European institutions

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on respect for multilingualism in the European institutions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the official and working languages of the EU institutions are laid down in Regulation No 1 of 15 April 1958¹;
- B. whereas it is stipulated in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union² that every person may write to the institutions of the Union in one of the official languages, and whereas this establishes one of the founding principles of the Union: multilingualism;
- C. whereas the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament³ provide that documents of Parliament are to be drawn up in the official languages;
- D. whereas English will no longer be an official language of the European institutions following the United Kingdom's departure from the Union;
- E. whereas Irish is Ireland's language for communicating with the Union, and Maltese is Malta's;
- F. whereas the widespread and exclusive use of English is a threat to multilingualism in our institutions;
- 1. Takes the view that there is a need to ensure that the principle of multilingualism is upheld in the European institutions, in particular the use of the founding languages of the Union: French, German, Italian and Dutch;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the Commission.

¹ See Article 1.

² See Article 41(4).

³ See Rule 167(1).