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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure
on measures to support education in extraordinary times

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on measures to support education in extraordinary times

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 165 and 166 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas circumstances such as the current coronavirus pandemic make for extraordinary times;
- B. whereas Article 165 TFEU establishes education and vocational training as the exclusive competence of the Member States;
- C. whereas the EU develops common reference tools (such as the reference framework for key competences), facilitates peer learning among Member States on matters of common interest, and provides financial support in order to, for example, reduce the school drop-out rate and improve academic performance;
 1. Is keen to ensure that achievement of the above-mentioned goals is not jeopardised by long periods of non-attendance at school resulting, for example, from school closures or quarantine measures;
 2. Takes the view that access to education should be guaranteed even in extraordinary times;
 3. Calls on Member States to draw up contingency plans to offset the impact of long-term school closures in extraordinary times;
 4. Urges Member States, therefore, to take steps to ensure that, in extraordinary times, access to teaching material does not depend on physical presence in an educational establishment;
 5. Recommends that support should therefore be focused on projects which make it possible to achieve these goals.