



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on expanding the list of criminal offences in Article 83 TFEU to include the area of crime ‘destruction of cultural assets and monuments’

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on expanding the list of criminal offences in Article 83 TFEU to include the area of crime ‘destruction of cultural assets and monuments’

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to Article 27 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas rioting is currently taking place in the Member States;
- B. whereas everyone has the right to participate freely in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to participate in scientific progress and its achievements;
- C. whereas, the Union respects the diversity of cultures;
- D. whereas the Union was founded on an awareness its intellectual, religious and moral heritage;
- E. whereas the Union wishes to contribute to the maintenance and further development of its common values, respect for the diversity of the cultures and traditions of the peoples of Europe and respect for the national identity of the Member States;
1. Condemns the deliberate destruction of cultural assets and monuments;
 2. Calls on the Member States to protect cultural assets and monuments and to maintain access to them;
 3. Points out that cultural assets and monuments can also serve to preserve the memory of undesirable developments in the past so as to avoid them in future and they are therefore particularly worth protecting;
 4. Is concerned that historical cultural assets and monuments will be damaged and in some cases irretrievably destroyed;
 5. Calls therefore for Article 83 (1) TFEU to be expanded to include the crime area ‘destruction of cultural assets and monuments’.