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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the financing of memorials in European regions by the Structural Funds

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the financing of memorials in European regions by the Structural Funds**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 176 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),
- having regard to Article 167 of the TFEU,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there has been a global shockwave following the death of George Floyd and whereas there are accusations of racism levelled against Western cultures;
- B. whereas there are extreme tensions concerning commemorative works and in particular in relation to slavery and the transatlantic slave trade;
- C. whereas these tensions are the result of a clash between two visions of history, one that unites and one that divides;
- D. whereas the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) provides for the possibility of financing cultural actions;
  1. Condemns in the strongest terms any destruction of memorials;
  2. Notes that the cultural actions under the ERDF are too geared towards new cultural sectors and neglect our shared heritage;
  3. Calls for the possibility, within the framework of the ERDF, of allocating funds to maintain, restore and create memorials, to ensure that a spirit of harmony prevails and to contribute to the enrichment of the history and heritage of humankind.