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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the implementation of measures for the social inclusion of persons with disabilities through sport

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the implementation of measures for the social inclusion of persons with disabilities through sport

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and the principles established by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,
- A. whereas there are around 100 million people with disabilities in the EU, almost 30% of whom are at risk of poverty and social exclusion;
- B. whereas the study ‘Mapping on Access to Sport for People with Disabilities’ has demonstrated the benefits that persons with disabilities derive from participating in sports, including personal health, personal development and social benefits;
1. Urges the Commission to pursue a strategy for enhancing sports and access to them for persons with disabilities so as to reduce the gap they still experience in the EU when it comes to social inclusion;
 2. Calls on the Commission to adopt specific measures to guarantee continuity in sporting activities for persons with disabilities, with trainers and coaches being viewed as key reference figures;
 3. Calls on the Commission to include in the European Disability Strategy 2020-2030 specific financial instruments for the construction and upgrading of sports facilities with a view to removing any architectural barriers at such facilities and ensuring access to them for persons with disabilities.