



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the topic of ‘No closures of cultural and leisure facilities and catering establishments as part of the measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic’

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the topic of ‘No closures of cultural and leisure facilities and catering establishments as part of the measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic’

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas cultural and leisure facilities and catering establishments are an indispensable core component of our society and offer balance, relaxation, inspiration, company, stress relief and distraction from everyday working life;
- B. whereas forcing these facilities and establishments to shut down temporarily will place an extremely heavy burden on the Christian and Jewish communities, especially during the Christmas holidays and the Hanukkah period;
- C. whereas forcing these facilities and establishments to shut down temporarily will not only cause them acute financial hardship, but will also lead to many of them closing their doors permanently;
- D. whereas society and the economy as a whole will suffer very serious and irreparable damage as a result of a shutdown and the expected insolvencies;
- E. whereas court rulings have already been issued declaring state-ordered closures unlawful;
- 1. Emphasises that even in extraordinary circumstances our lives do not revolve only around work;
- 2. Calls on the Member States not to force cultural and leisure facilities and catering establishments to close, in an effort to safeguard them, but rather to take measures to protect the most vulnerable groups in society, such as people with pre-existing medical conditions and the elderly, who, according to what we know at present, are in particular danger from the coronavirus.