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*Plenary sitting*

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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on postponing the Conference on the Future of Europe until the COVID-19 pandemic is declared over by the World Health Organization

**Charlie Weimers, Peter Kofod, Laura Huhtasaari**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on postponing the Conference on the Future of Europe until the COVID-19 pandemic is declared over by the World Health Organization**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the intention to involve the public in the Conference on the Future of Europe process through physical meetings,
  - having regard to the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of 30 January 2020 that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC),
  - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Portuguese Council Presidency has indicated that the Conference on the Future of Europe could be launched on 9 May 2021;
- B. whereas public involvement in the Conference during a public health emergency would constitute an insurmountable challenge, and would risk downgrading the importance of public participation, thus limiting citizens' input;
1. Considers it untimely and potentially dangerous to public health to launch the Conference on the Future of Europe during an ongoing pandemic;
  2. Calls on the Commission, Council and Parliament to postpone the launch of the Conference until the WHO or all EU Member States have declared the pandemic to be over.