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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the demographic decline, the falling birth rate and immigration in the European Union

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the demographic decline, the falling birth rate and immigration in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU is facing a major demographic challenge, as more births are now registered than deaths – indicating that the rise in population seen in some Member States is simply the product of the increasing number of arriving migrants;
- B. whereas according to Eurostat, the EU population will drop from 447 million in 2020 to 420 million by 2080, with non-Europeans making up a third of this new figure;
- C. whereas the UN’s preliminary report¹ on replacement migration stated that 674 million migrants would need to arrive in the EU between 2000 and 2025 to maintain the support ratio of 4.3 persons of working age per person aged 65 or older;
- D. whereas the 2021 Ageing Report: Economic & Budgetary Projections for the EU Member States (2019-2070)² predicts that 53 million non-European immigrants will arrive by 2070;
- E. whereas immigration exacerbates the EU’s problems and holds third countries back from development;
- 1. Considers it necessary to assess all outcomes of the demographic decline and calls for steps to be taken to encourage European birth rates to increase;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the Commission.

¹ <https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/pdf/ageing/replacement-chap4-eu.pdf>

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/economy-finance/ip148_en.pdf