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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the influence of the services of the Meta media group on the development of children and young people

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the influence of the services of the Meta media group on the development of children and young people

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas whistle-blowers have made serious allegations against Meta, the parent company of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp;
- B. whereas the group is reported to have internal research on the influence of Instagram on children and young people, especially teenage girls, which suggests that these girls develop greater dissatisfaction with their bodies as a result of using the service, which in turn has an impact on their mental health¹;
- C. whereas Article 24(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union states that in all actions relating to children, whether taken by public authorities or private institutions, the child's best interests must be a primary consideration,
 1. Calls on the committee responsible to draw up a report with a view to examining the influence that the use of social media has on children and young people;
 2. Calls on the committee responsible to also draw up proposals to raise citizens' awareness of the risks to which children and young people in particular may be exposed when using social media, and to draw up proposals to prevent such negative effects.

¹ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/facebook-knows-instagram-is-toxic-for-teen-girls-company-documents-show-11631620739>