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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on measures to foster the protection and promotion of historical regional or minority languages

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on measures to foster the protection and promotion of historical regional or minority languages

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there are some 80 minority languages in Europe and whereas the European Union is home to indigenous peoples who speak a language other than the language spoken by the majority of the population in their country of origin;
- B. whereas regional or minority languages are part of Europe’s cultural heritage and are an expression of the identity of a population, as they create a link between speakers of a given language and their past, present and future;
- C. whereas the Council resolution of 21 November 2008 on a European strategy for multilingualism notes that linguistic and cultural diversity is part and parcel of the European identity and that it is at once a shared heritage, a wealth, a challenge and an asset for Europe;
 1. Urges the Commission to take effective action to promote those languages, to facilitate and encourage their use, both written and spoken, placing particular emphasis on promoting their use among young people;
 2. Calls on the Commission to take the requisite steps to develop a structured and long-term strategy to protect regional and minority languages, with a particular focus on support for communities that speak endangered languages.