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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on EU support for welfare organisations

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on EU support for welfare organisations**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission’s action plan to boost the social economy,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Commission supports welfare organisations in the EU Member States;
- B. whereas the scandal involving the German welfare organisation AWO in 2019, as well as previous irregularities and abuses, show that large parts of the AWO have been turned into some kind of self-service free-for-all;
- C. whereas, according to the reports of several German state courts of audit, irregularities have also been found among other charitable associations in Germany<sup>1</sup>;
- D. whereas welfare organisations in other Member States have also misused funding;
  1. Supports Member States in their efforts to ensure, by means of rigorous control, evaluation and monitoring instruments, that social NGOs and welfare organisations neither misuse nor enrich themselves with funding;
  2. Takes the view that historic special and privileged rights for welfare organisations violate the principle of equality;
  3. Calls on the Commission to be mindful of welfare organisations’ trustworthiness and reputation when approving funding.

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<sup>1</sup> See, for example, Dominik H. Enste, ‘Die Wohlfahrtsverbände in Deutschland. Eine ordnungspolitische Analyse und Reformagenda’, IW, 2004.