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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on income inequality between EU Member States

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on income inequality between EU Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 3 and 4(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to Eurostat, median incomes in EU Member States differ by a factor of almost nine between the highest and the lowest;
- B. whereas the median income in Western European countries is more than three times higher than that of the countries which joined the EU after 2004;
- C. whereas the EU has been suffering for many years as a result of the relocation of production to third countries;
- D. whereas the relocation of production to third countries which do not comply with environmental requirements cannot and must not be a long-term strategy for the EU;
- E. whereas boosting production and industry in Central and Eastern Europe would not only raise the wages of the new EU Member States' inhabitants, but also strengthen the European Union;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to develop a strategy to promote production in Central and Eastern Europe in order to reduce income inequalities and strengthen the EU.

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