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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the threat to independent media in the Netherlands

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the threat to independent media in the Netherlands**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 11 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the broadcasting association Ongehoord Nederland (ON!) has a legally recognised status within the Dutch public broadcasting system (NPO);
- B. whereas ON! gives a voice to people who do not feel sufficiently heard in the media and is meeting the wishes of a growing number of members;
- C. whereas ON! is being threatened by the NPO with revocation of its broadcasting licence on the basis of subjective complaints and investigations;
- 1. Is committed to media freedom, pluralism and independence in the EU;
- 2. Notes that the broadcasting association ON! operates within the bounds of the law and has never been involved in judicial proceedings, let alone had a judgment handed down against it in the Netherlands;
- 3. Notes that the NPO is calling for On!’s broadcasting licence to be revoked, which is unprecedented and amounts to a serious violation of fundamental rights;
- 4. Regrets that it is being made impossible for ON! to operate in the Netherlands;
- 5. Calls on the Commission to investigate this matter and ensure respect for independent media;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Government of the Netherlands and the NPO Management Board.