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on the protection of minors against pornographic images and gratuitous
violence

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Declaration on the protection of minors against pornographic images and gratuitous violence

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas children and adolescents in the Member States of the European Union are entitled to protection against the threats to their development posed by violence and pornography,
 - B. whereas current life styles and rapid technological development make it impossible for parents to establish complete control over the images viewed by their children,
 - C. whereas Article 22 of the television without frontiers directive requires Member States to take appropriate measures to ensure that control is exercised over television programmes that broadcast images of gratuitous violence and pornography,
1. Calls on the Commission to present Parliament with a comprehensive list of the measures that have been put into effect for the application of Article 22 of the television without frontiers directive in the Member States and an assessment of their effectiveness in achieving the objectives, and to propose more stringent provisions in the framework of revision of the directive;
 2. Calls on the Commission to complete its study on monitoring systems for television broadcasts;
 3. Stresses the need for increased cooperation on the ethical and legal aspects of protecting minors against violence in all media;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Commission, Council and Member States.