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on a common European policy on the care and bringing up of disadvantaged
children

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Written declaration on a common European policy on the care and bringing up of disadvantaged children

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas responsibility for bringing up children and adolescents is, first and foremost, the duty of the family, but also of society and the State,
- B. whereas it shares the concerns with regard to the numerous alerts originating from homes for children who have been deprived of parental care across the EU,
- C. whereas it notes the common roots of such problems in EU Member States,
- D. whereas it upholds the right of all European citizens to equal access to education and healthcare,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to support and encourage efforts at all levels by the national authorities in EU countries towards improving care conditions for children;
- 2. Requests that the care of both disadvantaged adolescents and those in care outside the family become a priority European policy until such time as the degrading inequality of children who are not wanted by their families is eradicated and they are integrated into society;
- 3. Calls for constant monitoring until such time as the disparities in care standards are eliminated;
- 4. Opposes attempts to politicise such a complex social issue and to use it as cheap populist propaganda and encourages EU Member States to share good practices and sound legislative solutions regarding care for disadvantaged children;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Parliaments of the Member States, the Council and the European Commission.