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on the figure of the psychologist in schools

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Written declaration on the figure of the psychologist in schools

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas individuals in the course of the development of their own personalities experience complex physical, psychological and social changes,
- B. whereas the pace of modern society often does not allow for the constant presence of parents as their children grow up,
- C. whereas bullying, paedophilia and violence in general are some of the most widespread social problems to which young people are exposed,
- D. whereas part of the formative process of individuals occurs within schools and information, self-awareness and understanding are some of the main weapons to be used in combating social problems,
- E. whereas teachers are not equipped with the necessary instruments to deal with the complex emergencies that typically arise during the formation of the personalities of the their pupils,
- 1. Calls on the European institutions to adopt suitable measures in order to introduce the figure of the psychologist into primary and secondary schools;
- 2. Calls on the European institutions to ensure that the presence of this support figure be made compulsory for students' entire school life;
- 3. Calls on the European institutions to ensure the presence of an adequate number of experts in the areas of education and psychology in every school;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission and to the parliaments of the Member States.