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on promoting legal literacy

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Written declaration, under Rule 123 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on promoting legal literacy¹

1. The future of the European Union lies with its children and young people;
2. There is a noticeable increase in the complexity of the demands facing citizens;
3. It is therefore useful to give every citizen of the Union the opportunity to acquire a basic knowledge of legal matters;
4. This can be achieved through a variety of measures: the introduction of legal literacy classes in schools and/or additional initiatives and programmes to promote awareness of European rights and obligations and provide an insight into legislation of relevance to different professions;
5. The Commission is therefore called upon to encourage such initiatives and projects at school and in vocational education and training in order to prepare Union citizens as well as possible for coping with the demands of a complex modern world;
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Commission.

¹ In accordance with Rule 123(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, when the declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it shall be published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.