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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on the abolition of the European Economic and Social Committee

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the abolition of the European Economic and Social Committee

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 13(4) of the Treaty on European Union,
- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas many of the activities of the European Economic and Social Committee (such as sending delegations to India or Tibet or organising conferences) do not contribute to the Committee's fundamental aim: to advise the Council, Parliament and the Commission;
- B. whereas the other aim of the European Economic and Social Committee, namely to organise consultations between civil society and the EU institutions, can just as well be achieved by means of direct contact between the affiliated organisations and the institutions;
- C. whereas much of the work which is performed within the European Economic and Social Committee is also performed within the Council, Commission and Parliament and whereas this duplication of effort is wasteful;
- D. whereas it is perfectly possible to arrange for representatives of employees and employers to meet regularly at European level (for example once a year in the buildings of the European Parliament) without the European Economic and Social Committee's needing to have its own buildings, staff establishment, etc.;
- E. whereas citizens have the right to expect that the money which they pay in tax will be well spent;
- 1. Calls for Article 13(4) of Treaty on European Union to be repealed;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.