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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the necessity to abolish the EESC

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⁽¹⁾ Variable, depending on DG. See 00_02. Rules on footers in Parliament's documents.

B[9-0110/2019]

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the necessity to abolish the EESC

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty of Rome of 1957,
 - having regard to the Treaty of Maastricht of 1992,
 - having regard to Treaty of Lisbon of 2009,
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas EESC was set up in 1958 to allow civil society organizations to influence EU policy;
- B. whereas the European Parliament and other EU bodies now interact directly with civil society organizations;
- C. whereas there is no evidence of how EESC has helped to shape the EU's policies;
- D. whereas the EESC submitted only 131 non-binding opinions in 2020 yet employs near 700 permanent staff members and costs ca. 150 million euro of taxpayer's money;
- E. whereas Member of the German Federal Parliament Mrs K. Willkom (liberal party), former Member of the European Parliament D.J. Eppink and member T. Zdechovský (EPP) have underlined the uselessness of the EESC;
1. Underlines the lack of any added value of the EESC;
 2. Underlines the call by the EESC to increase its budget;
 3. Calls on the Council, the Commission and the Member States to abolish the EESC;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.

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