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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the appointment of a European Ombudsman for the protection of minors

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its own resolution of 8 July 1992 on a European Charter on the rights of the child,
 - having regard to the European Convention on Human Rights,
 - having regard to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child,
 - having regard to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly's recommendation no. 1286 of 24 January 1996,
- A. whereas an individual's childhood and the particularities of his/her family and social environment significantly determine his/her subsequent adult life,
- B. whereas minors constitute one of the most vulnerable sectors of the population and have specific needs which must be carefully met,
- C. whereas the prevention of youth crime has become a priority in the EU Member States' intervention policies,
1. Calls upon the European Parliament to nominate a European Ombudsman for the protection of minors with responsibility for protecting their rights and interests, receiving their requests and complaints, ensuring that the laws designed to protect them are upheld, and influencing the activities of public authorities in such a way as to promote minors' rights;
 2. Calls on the members of the European Convention to effect the necessary changes in the course of simplifying and modernising the treaties.