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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need to promote female entrepreneurship

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the need to promote female entrepreneurship

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Article 16 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union recognises the freedom to conduct a business and, as such, female entrepreneurship too;
- B. whereas, according to a 2017 OECD report, the share of self-employed women in 2015 was about half that of men (9.9% compared to 17.8%)¹ and this gap has widened as a result of the COVID-19 emergency;
- C. whereas there is no clear official definition of female entrepreneurship at EU level; whereas, therefore, many businesses run by women are at a disadvantage when it comes to accessing bonuses, incentives and tax relief, or are even unable to do so, thus losing attractive funding opportunities;
- 1. Urges the Commission to take all measures, within its remit, which might be helpful in encouraging Member States to recognise and support female entrepreneurship;
- 2. Encourages the Commission to clearly define the concept of female entrepreneurship in order to simplify access to finance and other forms of support, by overcoming red tape and ensuring equality between men and women in access to capital for self-employed workers and SMEs.

¹ <https://www.oecd.org/cfe/smes/Policy-Brief-on-Women-s-Entrepreneurship.pdf>