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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the recognition of Silesian as a language

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the recognition of Silesian as a language**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in Poland, the largest group that does not speak Polish at home but instead speaks Silesian is more numerous than all other minority and regional language speaking groups combined;
- B. whereas according to official statistical data, 529 400 people in Poland speak Silesian;
- C. whereas in the 2019 Report to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Polish Government stated that only around 302 000 people in Poland speak minority and regional languages. The number excludes speakers of Silesian, which is a failure to implement the provisions of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;
- D. whereas in an Opinion of 9 February 2021, the Polish Government stated that the Silesian language was denied regional language status for financial reasons and that the Polish Parliament is currently making its fifth legislative attempt to have Silesian recognised as a language;
  - 1. Points out that the Polish Government and Parliament should recognise Silesian as a language;
  - 2. Calls on the Commission to encourage Member States to promote a multicultural Europe, whose minority and regional languages, while not being official EU languages, are the common heritage of all EU citizens.