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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on reviewing the definition of a 'European work'

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to Article 167 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Directive 2010/13/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
 of 10 March 2010 on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation
 or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audiovisual
 media services (Audiovisual Media Services Directive) as amended by Directive (EU)
 2018/1808,
- A. having regard to proposal 18 of the 2018 report of the European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA);
- B. whereas the Audiovisual Media Services Directive is only scheduled to be revised in 2026;
- 1. Takes the view that the current definition of a 'European work' does not meet the purpose of protecting and promoting European cultural diversity;
- 2. Emphasises that there is a pressing need for this definition to be revised;
- 3. Considers that 'works originating in European third States party to the European Convention on Transfrontier Television', as listed in the directive of 1989, should not be classed as European works;
- 4. Takes the view that the definition should include the following specifications on intellectual property rights and the use of a work:
 - (a) the producer established in a Member State must 'own the rights, revenues and marketing agreements, and be responsible for the financial success of the work';
 - (b) the producers established in a Member State must have the highest stake in the total cost of production;
- 5. Calls, therefore, on the Commission to put forward a revised definition of a 'European work';
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.



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