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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 108(5) of the Rules of Procedure, by

- Doris Pack and Manolis Mavrommatis, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Christa Prets and Victor Boștinaru, on behalf of the PSE Group
- Grażyna Staniszevska, on behalf of the ALDE Group
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replacing the motions by the following groups:

- PPE-DE, PSE, ALDE (B6-0166/2009)
- UEN (B6-0167/2009)
- Verts/ALE (B6-0168/2009)

on the role of culture in the development of European regions

European Parliament resolution on the role of culture in the development of European regions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions,
 - having regard to the Council Conclusions of 24 May 2007 on the contribution of the cultural and creative sectors to the achievement of the Lisbon objectives,
 - having regard to action in the field of culture, in the context of the Culture 2007 programme (2007-2013),
 - having regard to its resolution of 10 April 2008 on a European agenda for culture in a globalising world,
 - having regard to its resolution of 10 April 2008 on cultural industries in Europe,
 - having regard to Rule 108(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the cultural soul of Europe is becoming increasingly important as a means of bringing Europeans together in a manner which respects differing cultural and linguistic identities,
- B. whereas the cultures of Europe are strategic factors in Europe's development at local, regional and national levels, as well as at the level of centralised European institutions,
- C. whereas cities and regions are becoming European players as they share the European idea and contribute to the development of the European Union,
- D. whereas cultural projects based on civil-society initiatives appear to be effective in strengthening and developing the regions,
- E. whereas regional conferences are an excellent way for civic initiatives to put forward their projects and proposals, exchange best practices and conduct dialogue between responsible parties,
1. Stresses that regional and local development strategies that incorporate culture, creativity and the arts contribute very much to improving quality of life in European regions and cities by fostering cultural diversity, democracy, participation and intercultural dialogue;
 2. Calls on the Commission to present the Green Paper with a possible range of measures for contemporary cultural activities aimed at strengthening cultural development in European regions;
 3. Calls on the Commission to support regional conferences, together with regional authorities and local civil society;

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4. Calls for action and awareness campaigns about the role of cultural projects for regional development;
5. Calls on the parties concerned to work towards speedy and efficient implementation of such projects;
6. Expects the Commission to present the study on the influence of culture at regional and local levels to Parliament at the earliest opportunity, together with the conclusions and actions which the Commission intends to draw from it;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Committee of the Regions.