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SOCIAL HOUSING MISSIONS



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Written declaration on the principles of subsidiarity and diversity in defining the particular missions assigned to social housing by the Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Protocol 26 TFEU on the wide discretion of the Member States in organising public services, on their diversity in the needs to be satisfied according to local collective Choices and Rights,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. having regard to the decision of the Commission on social housing (State Aid Case N° E 2/2005): “as this public service has a social character, its scope of activities must have a direct link with socially disadvantaged households”,

B. whereas setting the particular missions assigned to social housing remains under the exclusive competence of the Member States, including promoting social and urban mix and fighting against social segregation,

- ▶ 1. Calls on the Commission not to ask Member States to limit the access to social housing to socially disadvantaged groups and to exclude others groups of citizens in need given the lack of affordable housing,
- ▶ 2. Urges the Commission not to consider the universal character of the missions assigned by the Member States to such social services as a manifest error of assessment of services ruled by article 14 and protocol 26 TFEU,
- ▶ 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Parliaments of the Member States.