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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

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

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Written declaration on the application of 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 Protocol 26 to the TFEU, which refers to the wide discretion of the Member States in organising public services, the diversity of those services and the differences 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 No E 2/2005), which states, inter alia: ‘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 an exclusive power of the Member States, including promoting the social and urban mix and fighting social segregation,
1. Calls on the Commission not to ask Member States to limit access to social housing to socially disadvantaged groups and to exclude other groups of citizens in need, given the lack of affordable housing;
 2. Urges the Commission not to regard the universal character of the missions assigned by the Member States to such social services as a manifest error of assessment of services governed by Article 14 of the TFEU and Protocol 26 to it;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the Member States and the Parliaments of the Member States.