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111. Calls on the Commission to launch preparatory actions in the field of social inclusion and sport, focusing on projects with clear European added value, and urges the Commission to support projects that fulfil this aim, such as the Special Olympics Unified Sports initiative; urges the Commission to devote part of any possible future preparatory action in the field of sport to the issue of the protection of minors;

112. Invites the Commission and the Member States to take into consideration the possibility of creating supporting programmes for students with special physical needs;

113. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, as part of their sustainable development strategies, to provide funding for sports-related infrastructures and projects under the European Regional Development Fund, as well as providing for the possible use of new funding instruments (including Jeremie and Jessica);

114. Urges the Commission to mainstream sport properly in existing EU policies and EU funding programmes and report on the progress of its mainstreaming several times a year;

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115. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the European, international and national sport federations as well as to national leagues and competitions.

Microcredit

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Declaration of the European Parliament on microcredit

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The European Parliament,

— having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,

- A. whereas microcredit represents a method of lending small amounts that can be accessed by disadvantaged persons,
- B. whereas microcredit has permitted the extremely successful development of self-help employment projects, while also enabling the improvement of living conditions, and is also an important vehicle for the empowerment of women,
- C. whereas microcredit is a key tool for the combating of poverty and an instrument for achieving the Millennium Goals,
 1. Requests the Commission and the Council to recognise the importance of microcredit in the context of the Barcelona Process and in the neighbourhood and development policies;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to lend greater support to microcredit projects and to bolster programmes to help women in that connection;
 3. Calls for human and financial resources to be allocated to microcredit projects in developing countries and in Mediterranean countries;
 4. Suggests that a joint microcredit association be created to certify the credibility of projects;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.

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