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3. Calls on the Commission to pay the necessary attention to grassroots sports in the upcoming Communication on sport and to ensure sufficient funding for the EU Sport Programme from 2012 onwards;

4. Calls on the Commission to take due account of the results of the study on the financing of grassroots sports with regard to a possible EU initiative on gambling issues;

5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories (<sup>1</sup>), to the Commission and the Parliaments of the Member States.

(1) The list of signatories is published in Annex 2 to the Minutes of 16 December 2010 (P7\_PV(2010)12-16(ANN2)).

EU homelessness strategy

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Declaration of the European Parliament of 16 December 2010 on an EU homelessness strategy

(2012/C 169 E/20)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its declaration of 22 April 2008 on ending street homelessness (1),
- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas homelessness continues to affect people in all EU Member States and is an unacceptable violation of fundamental human rights,
- B. whereas 2010 is the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion,
- 1. Calls again on the Council to commit by the end of 2010 to ending street homelessness by 2015;

2. Calls on the European Commission to develop an ambitious EU homelessness strategy and to support Member States in developing effective national strategies following the guidelines of the Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion adopted in March 2010 and as part of the EU 2020;

3. Calls on Eurostat to collect EU homelessness data;

4. Supports the following priorities for action: no one sleeping rough; no one living in emergency accommodation for longer than the period of an 'emergency'; no one living in transitional accommodation longer than is required for a successful move-on; no one leaving an institution without housing options; no young people becoming homeless as a result of the transition to independent living;

5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories (<sup>2</sup>), to the Council, the Commission and the Parliaments of the Member States.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 259 E, 29.10.2009, p. 19.

<sup>(2)</sup> The list of signatories is published in Annex 3 to the Minutes of 16 December 2010 (P7\_PV(2010)12-16(ANN3)).