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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on the applicability of the Spanish model to the seaside leisure and tourism industry in Italy

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the applicability of the Spanish model to the seaside leisure and tourism industry in Italy

The European Parliament,

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- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the adoption of Directive 2006/123/EC has resulted in a challenge to the compatibility of Italian legislation regulating seaside leisure services with EU legislation;
- B. whereas, on 31 December 2015, the extensions to Italian operating licences under the previous system will expire and 30 000 businesses, which over the years have spent considerable sums on redeveloping seaside and tourism facilities and on supporting and developing coastal regions, will be stripped of their livelihoods and will consequently lose the part of the investments which has not yet been written off;
- C. whereas, on 4 October 2013, Spain introduced a draft law providing for an extension of as much as 75 years for existing operating licences in the seaside leisure and tourism industry, which was warmly welcomed by Commissioner Reding, who said that it would improve legal certainly for property owners subject to the Coastal Law;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to introduce ad hoc legislation which can protect the seaside leisure industry, which is vital to the Italian economy, in order to avoid infringement proceedings being brought by the EU.