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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the suspension of the Schengen Agreement in order to block the return of jihadists who have gone to fight in the Middle East

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the suspension of the Schengen Agreement in order to block the return of jihadists who have gone to fight in the Middle East

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas thousands of jihadists from EU Member States have gone to the Middle East to join terrorist movements such as Islamic State;
- B. whereas some of them are extremely dangerous individuals who would pose a threat to security and public safety if they were to return to Europe;
- C. whereas the porous nature of the EU's external borders and the lack of controls at internal borders in the Schengen zone are seriously hindering the fight against terrorism;
- D. whereas the problem concerns some Member States more than others, making specific, tailored policies essential;
- E. whereas the security services must be in a position to apprehend jihadists attempting to enter the territory of a Member State in the most efficient way possible, i.e. at national borders;
- F. whereas Article 2 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement stipulates that all necessary measures may be taken by Member States if required for reasons of public policy or national security, but whereas the maximum period for which such measures may be taken is too short;
- 1. Calls for the immediate suspension of the Schengen Agreement;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

