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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the abolition of the European External Action Service

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the abolition of the European External Action Service

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council Decision of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union does not, generally speaking, manage to formulate external policies acceptable to all;
- B. whereas the European Union is nevertheless operating its very own diplomatic service over and above the network of embassies and consulates in the 28 Member States;
- C. whereas the EU diplomatic network is costing taxpayers over EUR 500 million annually;
- D. whereas foreign policy is one of the key areas of national sovereignty;
- E. whereas a joint ad hoc approach, on an intergovernmental basis if necessary, is perfectly feasible without the need for a separate diplomatic service;
- F. whereas taxpayers have the right to expect that their money is used wisely;
- 1. Calls for the Council decision of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service to be overturned;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.