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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on support for SMIs/SMEs in the European Union and in France

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on support for SMIs/SMEs in the European Union and in France

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises,
 - having regard to Regulation (EC) No 450/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 laying down the Community Customs Code (Modernised Customs Code),
 - having regard to the Commission communication of 25 June 2008 entitled ‘Think Small First. A Small Business Act for Europe’,
 - having regard to Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas SMEs employ 70% of workers in the private sector, were responsible for 85% of recruitment between 2002 and 2010 and account for 99% of European firms;
- B. whereas, according to the ‘Paying Taxes 2014’ report, the average total tax rate on SMEs in Europe is 44.1%, but whereas in France the figure is 64.7%, marginally less than in Italy, where it is 65.8%;
- C. whereas SMIs/SMEs in France are disadvantaged compared with those in the rest of the world and are less competitive than their competitors in Europe;
- D. whereas multinationals have been able to avoid paying tax by using tax avoidance strategies;
1. Calls on the Commission to establish a genuine ‘Small Business Act’, as is the practice in the United States, and to allow the Member States the possibility of reserving a share of their public procurement for their own SMIs/SMEs;
 2. Calls on the Commission to speed up the process in order to reduce the administrative burden on enterprises;
 3. Calls on the Commission to put in place relevant and effective protectionist measures and to end the aberrant dogma of free and undistorted competition;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

