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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the immediate cessation of negotiations on the accession of Albania to the European Union

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the immediate cessation of negotiations on the accession of Albania to the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Council Decision 2008/210/EC of 18 February 2008 on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Albania and repealing Decision 2006/54/EC¹,
 - having regard to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council of 12 October 2011 entitled ‘Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2011-2012’²,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Albania has already received EUR 315.5 million in EU funds for 2000-2006 and EUR 306.7 million for 2007-2010;
- B. whereas Albania applied for membership of the European Union in 2009 and was officially recognised as a candidate country on 27 June 2014;
- C. whereas if it were to open up to Europe, Albania would not be able to cope with the unbearable competitive pressure and the market forces;
- D. whereas Albania suffers from serious corruption problems and is a hub for many forms of trafficking (drugs, prostitution, etc.);
1. Demands that referenda be organised in all EU countries before the admission of any new countries to the EU;
 2. Calls for negotiations on Albania’s accession to the EU to be halted immediately;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

¹ OJ L 80, 19.3.2008, p. 1.

² COM(2011)0666.