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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the introduction of a European salary cap

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the introduction of a European salary cap

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 6 and 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- having regard to its resolution of 8 May 2008,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas fairness in sport can be ensured only if financial resources, and as a consequence human resources, are distributed fairly;
- B. whereas the effect of a salary cap is to impose a fixed upper limit on every club's payroll;
- C. whereas the introduction of a salary cap will enable certain heavily indebted clubs to reduce their debt;
- D. whereas, in 2012, European football clubs had a total debt of EUR 1 600 000 000;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to consider the introduction of a European salary cap to restrict football club payrolls and professional players' salaries, address clubs' debt levels and ensure that competitions are genuinely fair;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to begin a dialogue with European sports bodies about the salary cap principle;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the national parliaments.

