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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the halting of the negotiations on Montenegro's accession to the European Union

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the halting of the negotiations on Montenegro's accession to the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council of 9 November 2010 entitled 'Commission Opinion on Montenegro's application for membership of the European Union' (COM(2010)0670), – having regard to the 2014 progress report on Montenegro,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas two new chapters (16 and 30) have been opened in the accession negotiations with Montenegro, bringing the number currently under negotiation to 18 out of 35;
- B. whereas, under pressure from the European Union, Montenegro has implemented an austerity plan which is unprecedented in its severity;
- C. whereas Montenegro has been using the euro since 2002 without the authorisation of the EU institutions;
- D. whereas between 2007 and 2013 the European Union paid over EUR 235.7 million to Montenegro;
- E. whereas the efforts to combat crime and high-level corruption have produced no tangible results;
- F. having regard to the threats to freedom of expression in Montenegro;
- 1. Calls for the negotiations on Montenegro's accession to the European Union to be halted immediately;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

