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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's Office to combat terrorism

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's Office to combat terrorism

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the recent terrorist attacks in Brussels in May 2014 and in Paris in January 2015 highlighted the dangers of the jihadist threat and in particular the 'home-grown terrorist' and 'foreign fighter' phenomenon – i.e. EU citizens or immigrants living in Europe on a permanent basis who have spent a period of training and/or fighting with Islamist terrorist groups in various war zones;
- B. whereas such individuals are dangerous once they return to Europe;
- C. whereas, moreover, during that experience, these individuals come into contact with others from other European countries, thus promoting the establishment of transnational networks that are able to plan attacks, supply arms and provide financial and logistical support, facilitated in these tasks by the freedom of movement offered by the Schengen agreements and the lack and/or inadequacy of cooperation between national public prosecutors' offices, whose powers end at national borders;
 1. Considers it necessary to ask the Commission to take action to eliminate this serious imbalance between freedom of movement for terrorists and the limited jurisdiction of investigating judges;
 2. Proposes, therefore, that legislative action be taken with a view to establishing a European Public Prosecutor's Office to combat terrorism, which would have the task of identifying and prosecuting before the national courts those who commit terrorist crimes.