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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on unfair competition from Gulf airlines

**Marie-Christine Arnautu, Bruno Gollnisch**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on unfair competition from Gulf airlines**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 of 16 December 2002,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Gulf airlines, Emirates, Etihad, and Qatar Airways, have received more than USD 42 billion in public subsidies within the space of ten years and their market share has risen by 340%; whereas European airlines, however, have been the main victims of this unfair competition, one example being Lufthansa, which has lost 32% of its market share;
- B. whereas traffic rights have been extended for Gulf airlines and their operating conditions are much more favourable than those applying to European airlines;
- C. whereas since most airlines do not publish financial results, financial flows are impossible to ascertain, a fact which is contrary to international accounting standards;
1. Calls on the Commission to lay down rules to ensure that every airline operating on the territory of Member States is subject to the same competition rules as European airlines;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, and the Member States.