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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on carrying out an impact assessment of Australia's migration policy

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on carrying out an impact assessment of Australia's migration policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission communication of 13 May 2015 on a European agenda on migration (COM(2015)0240),
- having regard to the statements made by UK Home Secretary Theresa May,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the provisions on the introduction of quotas for the distribution of illegal migrants arriving on EU territory will exacerbate the situation with regard to migration that is hitting Europe hard;
- B. whereas the Commission is not currently considering deterrence as a way of responding effectively to the situation regarding the migrants flooding in from the coasts of Libya;
- C. whereas Australia's Operation Sovereign Borders, which is aimed at discouraging migrants from going to Australia by boat, has been very successful from a humanitarian point of view;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to carry out an impact assessment of the results obtained by Australia's Operation Sovereign in the medium term;
- 2. Calls on the Commission, in carrying out the impact assessment, to involve a delegation of MEPs from across the political spectrum at each stage in the process;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

