



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the fact that EU external policy is at odds with Italy's priorities and interests

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the fact that EU external policy is at odds with Italy's priorities and interests

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the sanctions the EU has imposed on Russia have cost Italian businesses EUR 1 billion in contracts that have already been signed and can no longer be honoured;
- B. whereas Italy is the Russian Federation's fourth largest trading partner and whereas trade volumes between the two countries fell by fully 25% in the last quarter alone;
- C. whereas Italy has consistently maintained extremely good relations with Russia and its people, and whereas EU external policy is jeopardising this special relationship;
- D. whereas the decisions taken by the EU are clearly at odds with Italy's interests;
- E. whereas Ukraine is not an EU Member State or a member of NATO;
- 1. Acknowledges that there is no valid legal reason for Italy to feel itself obliged to follow an EU external policy that is clearly at odds with its priorities and interests;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and to the European Council.