



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the planned withdrawal of the status of State-owned industrial and commercial establishment on grounds of non-conformity with the law on State aid

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the planned withdrawal of the status of State-owned industrial and commercial establishment on grounds of non-conformity with the law on State aid

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in France setting up a State-owned industrial and commercial establishment represents one way of intervening in the economy with a view to achieving a public-service objective;
- B. whereas the impact of globalisation and EU legislation, in particular in the area of State aid, has significantly reduced the number of state-owned establishments;
- C. whereas, in the context of proceedings brought by the Commission against the French Post Office, the Court of Justice of the European Union found that the latter's status as a State-owned industrial and commercial establishment constituted State aid in that it effectively ruled out the institution of receivership and bankruptcy proceedings and was akin to an 'unlimited guarantee';
- D. whereas this ruling could have implications for the status of State-owned industrial and commercial establishments in general and of the SNCF in particular;
- E. whereas it is the very concept of French-style public services which is under attack, since the supposed guarantee is linked to the concept of the unseizability of the assets of State-owned establishments, which is itself bound up with the principle of the continuity of public services;
- 1. Calls on the Commission explicitly to exempt State-owned industrial and commercial establishments from the rules on State aid.