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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the Commission's drive to simplify EU legislation

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Commission's drive to simplify EU legislation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU's main innovation lies in the fact that it uses the force of the law to impose its will on the Member States and make Europe more homogenous;
- B. whereas the EU has in fact made laws and administrative formalities needlessly more complicated, particularly since the start of the pilot project to simplify internal market legislation launched in 1996 at the instigation of the business community and known as SLIM (Simpler Legislation for the Internal Market);
- C. whereas the significant regulatory inflation in the EU is imposing unprecedented administrative costs on businesses, with French companies alone facing a bill of around EUR 35 billion;
- D. whereas, at the same time, the Commission bemoans the cost of rules it has itself initiated (a cost it puts at EUR 150 billion for companies) in order to justify more and more deregulation;
- E. whereas the Commission's Better Regulation strategy is part of an insidious policy of deregulation in the service of private interests and the business community;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to halt regulatory inflation in the name of the principle of legal certainty;
- 2. Insists that the Better Regulation strategy must not be used as a pretext to deregulate the economy for the benefit of private interests.