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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the right of self-determination of peoples

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the right of self-determination of peoples

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, when the Greek referendum was held on the so-called bail-out plan, many European leaders, including the highest leaders of the Union, expressed severe criticisms of it;
- B. whereas, according to the authoritative opinion of two independent United Nations experts, Alfred de Zayas e Virginia Dandan, 'All human rights institutions and mechanisms should welcome the Greek referendum as an eloquent expression of the self-determination of the Greek people in conformity with Article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights';
- C. whereas the above criticisms of the decision to hold the referendum therefore make it clear that the principle of self-determination does not seem to have been assimilated as it should;
 - 1. Calls on the EU Institutions to recognise and confirm that all peoples have the right of self-determination and, by virtue of that right, decide freely on their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development;
 - 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.