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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on the 38.6% increase in taxes in Italy between 2000 and 2014

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the 38.6% increase in taxes in Italy between 2000 and 2014

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas according to a study by the authoritative CGIA studio in Mestre, taxes rose by 38.6% in Italy between 2000 and 2014;
- B. whereas that study found that 'the tax burden on the public and on companies has increased disproportionately to cover increases in expenditure which unfortunately have not reduced the disparities which exist between people in difficulty and the more affluent members of society';
- C. whereas this assessment is underscored by the fact that adopting the euro and then entering into the fiscal compact, when combined with the austerity policies implemented by the Commission, have made for such an increase in the tax burden that growth and recovery have been permanently jeopardised;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to acknowledge that the economic policies pursued to date have failed, when this is being denied on an almost daily basis as if in wartime propaganda, and hopes to see an immediate switch to an approach which places development, growth and employment centre stage.

