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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the consequences of the increase in asylum applications

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the consequences of the increase in asylum applications

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU Member States have committed to receiving a large number of migrants;
- B. whereas the record number of asylum-seekers which Germany has agreed to take in (800 000 forecast in 2015, compared with 203 000 in 2014) will cost German taxpayers EUR 10 billion;
- C. whereas the German Government has estimated the annual cost of dealing with refugees at between EUR 12 000 and 13 000 per person, figures which would be broadly similar in other countries receiving migrants;
- D. whereas, according to recent studies, the arrival of a large number of unskilled immigrants depresses wages for young unskilled workers in the native population and reduces employment among their older counterparts;
- E. whereas France is among those countries having the least need for immigration to maintain its pension system, and whereas, according to the OECD, the net fiscal cost of immigrants in France in 2009 was around EUR 10 billion;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to abandon its proposed binding quotas for distributing refugees and to allow the Member States to decide for themselves, even if it means calling into question the principle of free movement of people.

