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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on support for the printing sector in France

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on support for the printing sector in France

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to a study published in 2014 by the company Trendeo, 217 factories went out of business in France; whereas 8.8% of them were printworks;
- B. whereas, from 2009 to 2015, it appears that 88 printworks closed and only eight opened;
- C. whereas, under pressure from large media publishing groups and shareholders, printing companies have recently undertaken major redundancy plans and relocations within Europe;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to take specific steps to support the printing sector and facilitate its transformation and adaptation to new technologies;
- 2. Urges the Commission to ban all relocations of companies in the printing sector in the European Union on the sole grounds of reducing costs if they are financially viable;
- 3. Advocates introducing a proportional tax based on the environmental cost of relocations (particularly in terms of transport) to fund the retraining of workers in the printing industry and invest in environmental preservation and public transport.