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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on support for the textile industry

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on support for the textile industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 400 people were recently made redundant at DIM, and a further 1 600 at La Halle and Kookai;
- B. whereas textile production in France halved between 1990 and 2000;
- C. whereas since the 2000s, with Chinese membership of the WTO, the textile industry has contracted by 73% in 10 years; whereas it has slumped by 86% overall in the past 20 years;
- D. whereas the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) expired in 2005 for Europe and 2008 for China;
- E. whereas in 1990 the sector employed 165 000 people in France, a number that has now fallen to fewer than 60 000, with the north-east of the country particularly badly affected;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to implement an intelligent form of border protectionism to safeguard this sector, which suffers from unfair competition, and to consider reintroducing the multi-fibre arrangements;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to step up support for crisis-hit areas to ensure that industrial conversion is more effective and that the sector is viable in the long-term;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.