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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on rules for the allocation of public procurement contracts

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## Motion for a European Parliament resolution on rules for the allocation of public procurement contracts

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 46 of Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Article 46 of Directive 2014/24/EU gives contracting authorities the power to award a contract in the form of separate lots and determine the size and subject-matter of such lots:
- B. whereas in cases where a contract is not divided into lots, contracting authorities must provide an indication of the main reasons for this decision;
- C. whereas although this provision allows SMEs greater access to parts of public procurement contracts for which they would otherwise be unable to tender due to competition from large groups, Article 46 also makes it possible to relax the allocation rules by allowing tenderers to combine several lots when responding to a call for tender;
- D. whereas relaxing the rules in this way violates the right of SMEs to equal access to public procurement contracts and consequently only benefits large public works groups;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to remove the option for tenderers to be awarded several lots in a procurement procedure, and to encourage preference to be given to national or local tenderers in the public procurement rules.

