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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the strengthening of the directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the strengthening of the directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 10 March 2010 on financial transaction taxes making them work,
- having regard to the proposal of 14 February 2013 for a Council directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the growing difference between the volume of financial transactions and the volume of trade in goods and services highlights a disconnection between the financial markets and the real economy;
- B. whereas institutional investors are responsible for recurring speculative bubbles, which destabilise the banking sector;
- C. whereas the financial industry must contribute to budgetary stabilisation in view of the sums it has received during the economic crisis;
- 1. Regards the proposal for a directive in the area of financial transaction tax as unambitious and suggests a 0.5% tax on the exchange of stocks and bonds and a 0.05% tax on derivative operations;
- 2. Recommends that the Commission include within the scope of the financial transaction tax high-frequency trading and all stocks, including foreign stocks;
- 3. Stresses the importance of this directive entering into force on 1 January 2016, without any further delay.

