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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on relations between the European Commission and the tobacco lobby

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on relations between the European Commission and the tobacco lobby

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO) referred to the European Ombudsman the Commission's inability to apply the rules of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in its dealings with the tobacco industry;
- B. whereas the Ombudsman ruled that the Commission should publish online details of all meetings with tobacco lobbyists and must introduce a mandatory register to ensure full transparency;
- C. whereas the Ombudsman's investigation revealed that a senior official had indeed attended a meeting with a lawyer working for the Philip Morris group, contrary to his claim;
- D. whereas the Commission had already been found guilty of collaborating with the major tobacco groups when the directives on tobacco products were being revised, a scandal that ended with the resignation of the commissioner, John Dalli;
- 1. Calls for an enquiry to be opened into relations between the European Commission and the major industrial groups, and calls for a halt to behind-closed-doors meetings between Commission staff and large private firms.