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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the financial difficulties at Air France

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the financial difficulties at Air France

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Air France is facing financial difficulties which have resulted in the cutting of 2 900 jobs and the shedding of 17 long-haul aircraft and 22 routes;
- B. whereas Air France's difficulties have been exacerbated by an increasingly heavy tax burden, as illustrated by the increase in airport charges and the increase in VAT from 7% to 10% in response to the pressure being exerted by the Commission to reduce deficits;
- C. whereas Air France is a company of strategic importance as it generates 250 000 direct and indirect jobs and 1.5% of France's GDP;
- D. whereas, moreover, the granting of new landing rights to Qatar Airways at Lyon airport and Nice airport is subjecting Air France to unfair competition since the airlines of the Gulf are staging a 'state-backed market conquest' as they are receiving outlandish sums in public aid from their home states;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to revise the rules on state aid in order to allow Member States to remedy situations of unfair competition between airline companies.