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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the repeal of Directive 2009/81/EC on the award of public contracts in the field of defence and security

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the French FAMAS assault rifle will soon be replaced, as part of the updating of the French army's weapons hardware, in the manner imposed by European rules, namely a public procurement procedure at European level;
- B. whereas, as things stand since the weapons factory in Saint-Etienne was sold off, no French company is in a position to compete against its European competitors and win such a tender procedure;
- C. whereas this procedure jeopardises the French arms industry, a strategic sector and a key element of French sovereignty;
- Calls on the Commission to commence a procedure to repeal Directive 2009/81/EC on invitations to tender for works, supplies and services in the fields of defence and security;
- 2. Asks the Commission to look into abandoning the common security and defence policy and reaffirming the principle of national sovereignty in the fields of defence, since each Member State must be able to guarantee its security as it sees fit.

