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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on violations of confidentiality on Facebook

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on violations of confidentiality on Facebook

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data¹,
- having regard to Directive 2002/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2002 concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (Directive on privacy and electronic communications)², amended in 2009,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas private companies that process personal data, such as Facebook, must comply with legal obligations as referred to in the above Directives;
- B. whereas a recent report published in February 2015 found that the company Facebook was in breach of European data protection laws;
- C. whereas Facebook's policies do not offer adequate control functions to prevent user-generated content from being exploited for commercial gain;
- D. whereas the report found that Facebook was improperly extracting information from users' mobile telephones (in particular using geographical location data) without having sought prior authorisation;
- 1. Asks the Commission to take action and launch an investigation into Facebook's practices with regard to the confidentiality of data pertaining to its users in Europe;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

¹ OJ L 281, 23.11.1995, p. 31-50.

² OJ L 201, 31.7.2002, p. 37-47.