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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the migrant business, which generates a turnover of EUR 3 billion for organised crime and international terrorism

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the migrant business, which generates a turnover of EUR 3 billion for organised crime and international terrorism

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas an article which appeared in the newspaper *Il Sole 24 Ore* on Sunday, 22 November 2015 under the eloquent headline ‘Migrants, a business worth EUR 3 billion which also funds terrorism’ highlights the criminal interests hidden behind the waves of migrants from Africa and Asia who for months have been arriving in Europe, and in particular in Italy and Greece;
- B. whereas Islamic terrorist organisations operating in Libya and Syria have taken control of the human trafficking which has cost so many people their lives and, as the Paris attacks showed, are exploiting this uncontrolled flow of migrants as a means of infiltrating jihadists into Europe and as a source of income;
- C. whereas, according to the experts consulted by the financial daily, the profits generated by transporting some 800 000 desperate people across the Mediterranean amount to between EUR 400 and 800 million from a turnover of roughly EUR 3 billion;
- 1. Calls on the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President/High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Anti-Terrorism Coordinator, whilst reiterating the EU’s commitment to humanitarian action, to take note of these revelations and to frame an appropriate, firm response to a worrying phenomenon in which involves collusion between criminals and terrorists.