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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on measures to combat tax evasion

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on measures to combat tax evasion

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to a report by several NGOs, between USD 500 and 700 billion in profits made in 2012 by US multinationals went untaxed by the tax authorities of the countries in which they were conducting their operations (this figure constituting approximately a quarter of their annual profits);
- B. whereas the tax revenue forgone as a result in France was at least EUR 4.5 billion;
- C. whereas this erosion of tax revenue is scandalous, because it compels the most vulnerable taxpayers to bear the burden of budgetary consolidation;
- D. whereas the modest measures that have been taken recently are counterbalanced by the fiscal innovations of certain countries (the 'patent box' in Ireland, the new preferential regime for innovation in Luxembourg, etc.);
- 1. Calls on the Commission to restore fiscal frontiers by putting an end to transfer pricing, which consists in locating profits in countries with aggressive fiscal policies and financial costs in countries of operation, and to permit Member States to impose taxes on the profits made by companies abroad, offsetting what they have paid in the foreign country.