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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on Apple's tax avoidance strategy

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Apple's tax avoidance strategy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in 2012, Apple recorded a turnover in France of more than EUR 3 billion, but declared only EUR 257 million;
- B. whereas Apple is to pay EUR 318 million to the Italian Treasury to settle a tax dispute relating to the period 2008-2013;
- C. whereas, however, Apple diverted 60% of the tax it should have paid in Italy from 2008 to 2013, the Italian Treasury estimating the loss at EUR 879 million;
- D. whereas this tax avoidance is made possible by the removal of fiscal borders and free-trade agreements allowing multinationals to escape their obligation to make a fair contribution to the community;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to look into the losses associated with tax avoidance by multinationals in the digital sector and any compensation they owe to the Member States' tax authorities.