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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the method used to adjust EU staff pay

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the method used to adjust EU staff pay

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the method used to calculate the salaries of the EU's 38 500 officials and 55 000 contract staff means that they will receive a backdated pay increase of 2.4% in 2016;
- B. whereas the calculations have been distorted by the increase in the average earnings of public-sector employees in Germany (+2.9 % between July 2014 and July 2015, compared to +0.3 % in France and -0.4% in Belgium);
- C. whereas the adjustment will cost as much as EUR 100 million at a time when the Commission is imposing ever greater austerity on the Member States;
- D. whereas EU officials earn an average of EUR 6 500 per month after tax, while the average pension is roughly EUR 6 000 per month;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal to the Council for the revision of the method used to adjust EU staff pay;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.