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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on transparency regarding the lobbying activities of multinationals

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on transparency regarding the lobbying activities of multinationals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the Secretary-General of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Commission President Juncker has not once met with representatives of an environmental protection organisation;
- B. whereas, according to Transparency International, big business enjoys much better access to EU Commissioners, as 75% of the Commission's meetings are with business lobbyists;
- C. whereas it is important to know which organisations or individuals are trying to influence EU policy, particularly in the areas of energy and climate;
- D. whereas the EU transparency register is full of inaccurate information which gives an unrealistic picture of the lobbying activities of multinationals;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to set up a compulsory transparency register which contains detailed and accurate information and would enable EU citizens to find out exactly who influences Union policy;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.

