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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on lifting the majority of sanctions against Belarus

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on lifting the majority of sanctions against Belarus

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Union has decided, given ‘the progress made over the past two years’, to lift the majority of sanctions against Belarus and its President Alexander Lukashenko;
- B. whereas the sanctions had already been suspended for four months in October 2016;
- C. whereas the Foreign Affairs Council ultimately decided not to renew the asset freezes and EU travel bans imposed on 170 individuals and three companies;
- 1. Reiterates that, in keeping with the principle of sovereignty, it is opposed to any interference by the European institutions in the internal affairs of States;
- 2. Welcomes the decision to lift the majority of sanctions, which is a real step towards normalising relations with Belarus, a vital strategic and economic partner in the EU’s eastern neighbourhood.