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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the drop in crime in Switzerland following the suspension of the Schengen Agreement by France

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the drop in crime in Switzerland following the suspension of the Schengen Agreement by France

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Switzerland saw a significant drop in the number of recorded thefts, burglaries (which were down 14% compared to 2014) and drug trafficking offences as an immediate result of the reintroduction of border controls by France in the wake of the Paris attacks, and whereas these are damning statistics;
- B. whereas figures provided by the Haute-Savoie prefecture show that, in contrast, crime is soaring on the French side of the border;
- 1. Takes the view that:
 - a) the suspension of the Schengen Agreement has made the cantons on the Swiss side of the Franco-Swiss border safer;
 - b) the fall in crime in French-speaking Switzerland and the fall in crime committed by foreign nationals are in fact one and the same thing;
 - c) Switzerland is a safer country when foreign criminals are prevented from entering;
- 2. Believes that the case of Switzerland provides useful, relevant evidence to support arguments in favour of repealing the Schengen Agreement once and for all.