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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

seeking to support and protect European coal production

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution seeking to support and protect European coal production

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission communication of 10 November 2010 entitled ‘Energy 2020 – A strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy’ (COM(2010) 639),
 - having regard to the Commission communication of 28 May 2014 entitled ‘European Energy Security Strategy’ (COM(2014) 330),
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the aim of reducing the energy dependence of the European continent should also concern imports of coal from South Africa, Ukraine and Colombia;
- B. whereas the production of coal in Europe is bound to comply with a set of environmental and social requirements that are more stringent than those of countries outside the European Union, which results in negative discrimination against the coal industry in Europe;
1. Calls on the Commission to authorise the creation of a quality label applying to all the producer countries in the EU;
 2. Calls on the Commission to allow Member States to introduce a tax credit for coal production which respects the social and environmental standards laid down in the specifications for the quality label;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.