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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the EU-generated administrative costs for businesses

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Motion for a resolution on the EU-generated administrative costs for businesses

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the growing administrative burden imposed by the EU (more than 230 000 pages in the EU Official Journal of 2008) is creating significant administrative costs for businesses;
- B. whereas, according to Open Europe (2015) estimates, EU rules are costing the British economy GDP 33.3 billion;
- C. whereas in 2006 the Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship estimated that EU legislation was generating administrative costs to businesses amounting to 5.5 % of GDP;
- D. whereas a 25 % reduction to the administrative costs affecting businesses could increase GDP by 1.7 % in the long term;
- E. whereas although the EU has set out to ‘legislate better’, it would be better for businesses if the EU did not legislate at all;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to do everything they can to drastically reduce the administrative costs imposed on businesses by the EU, which affect SMEs worst of all.