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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on granting Bosnia and Herzegovina candidate country status

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## Motion for a European Parliament resolution on granting Bosnia and Herzegovina candidate country status

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 20 September 2016, the Council gave the Commission the green light to assess whether Bosnia and Herzegovina could be granted candidate country status;
- B. whereas five countries are already official candidates for EU membership (Albania, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey);
- C. whereas the EU, which currently has 28 Member States (soon to be 27), cannot afford to take in countries that are economically far weaker than the average member country of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development;
- D. whereas the 2004 and 2007 enlargements have led to widespread unfair wage competition to the detriment of the more advanced EU Member States, chiefly through the use of the Posting of Workers Directive;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to freeze EU accession negotiations.

