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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on integrating migrants into rural areas

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on integrating migrants into rural areas**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in its opinion of 24 May 2016, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) of the European Parliament calls on the Commission to ‘promote active measures and policies highlighting the positive role of migration [...] in rural areas’;
- B. whereas poverty is a real problem in rural areas and the agricultural sector as a whole, and farms are going out of business;
- C. whereas in France, the number of agricultural holdings fell by three quarters between 1955 and 2003 (from 2.3 million to 590 000) and whereas in 1995 there were 6.2 million agricultural workers (including family members and salaried workers) accounting for 31 % of total employment, while by 2000 that figure had fallen to 4.8 % despite all the ‘aid’ provided under the European Union’s common agricultural policy;
- D. whereas today, in the midst of a migration crisis, we are being asked to promote the integration of migrants into rural areas and the agricultural sector through the use of policy measures and financial assistance;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to carry out an assessment of the impact of bringing into the agricultural sector, which has been weakened by the recent crises, people who have no understanding at all of European farming methods and systems.