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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the situation of the shipyards in Saint-Nazaire

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the situation of the shipyards in Saint-Nazaire**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the South Korean group STX, the owner of Saint-Nazaire's shipyards, is heavily in debt and facing liquidation, and plans to sell its shares;
- B. whereas the possible buyers – all of whom are foreign – include a Chinese company (Genting Hong Kong), an Italian group and a Dutch one;
- C. whereas the risk of technology transfer to China, where production costs are lower, but also to Italy (if the shares are bought by the company Fincantieri), is very real;
- D. whereas the shipbuilding industry is a strategic sector, which must be protected against foreign investors;
- E. whereas the French State, which holds 33% of the shares, has a right of pre-emption;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and on the French State to protect France's strategic interests against foreign investors, in particular by exercising the right of pre-emption held by the French State.