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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the prodigality of the Committee of the Regions

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the prodigality of the Committee of the Regions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 21 September 2016 the Committee on Budgets voted to approve a transfer of appropriations for the Committee of the Regions amounting to EUR 44 000, EUR 33 000 of which is intended to finance spending on water, coffee, and tea for persons attending meetings;
- B. whereas the Committee of the Regions aims to bypass the national level in order to allow direct discussion between the regions and the EU;
- C. whereas the purpose of the extravagant expenditure is to finance the lavish lifestyle of certain officials of EU institutions with highly dubious added value and whereas this is particularly scandalous in view of the fact that Member States have plunged their peoples into fiscal austerity;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the European Council to show greater vigilance as regards spending within the EU institutions, and to set an example;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to think about the real added value provided by the Committee of the Regions and to consider the desirability of keeping such a body.