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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the management of European funds used to assist certain Balkan countries
in joining the EU

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the management of European funds used to assist certain Balkan countries in joining the EU

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in a report published on 14 September 2016, the European Court of Auditors revealed that European funds used to assist certain Balkan countries in joining the EU are being mismanaged by their governments because of their ‘weak administrative capacity’;
- B. whereas funds for strengthening the rule of law (freedom of the press, anti-corruption measures, independence of the judiciary) are being diverted because the authorities in these countries are reluctant to reform their institutions;
- C. whereas since 2007 the EU has contributed a total of EUR 5 billion towards national and regional programmes in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, FYROM, Montenegro and Serbia;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to significantly reduce the amount spent on these programmes and suspend moves to enlarge the EU; insists, should this not be possible, that it systematically enforce the strict conditions governing the use of these funds.