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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on strengthening selection criteria for airline pilots

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on strengthening selection criteria for airline pilots

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas every year dozens of airplane crashes cause the death of thousands of people;
- B. whereas the psychological state of the pilots is one of the factors behind accidents caused by human error;
- C. whereas the crash of Germanwings Flight 9525 in the French Alps on 24 March 2015, when a psychologically fragile pilot killed all the passengers on the plane by flying it into the ground, is one example illustrating this;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to introduce, together with the Member States, an obligation to carry out stronger psychological tests during the recruitment process for airline pilots, to make sure, by employing drastic selection criteria, that such accidents do not occur again.

