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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the percentage of women on company boards

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the percentage of women on company boards

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in 2012 the Commission proposed a directive on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on the stock exchange, known as the ‘women on company boards directive’;
- B. whereas this directive requires Member States to adopt laws introducing mandatory quotas, the aim being to have at least a 40 % female presence on the boards of private and public companies;
- C. whereas membership of company boards should be based on candidates’ professional experience and qualifications rather than on gender;
- D. whereas the European Parliament has supported the Commission’s proposal while some Member States have opposed it, which has impeded legislative work on the directive in the Council;
 1. Asks the Commission to respect the opinion of those Member States and discontinue legislative work on this directive;
 2. Asks the Commission to allow Member States, who are in a better position to decide on their employment policies, to set the rules on company board membership.