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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on strengthening the independence of the Commission Regulatory Scrutiny Board with a view to safeguarding jobs

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on strengthening the independence of the Commission Regulatory Scrutiny Board with a view to safeguarding jobs

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016¹,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Treaties give the Commission the right to initiate legislation, and whereas it is important that the proposals submitted to Parliament should be of good quality;
- B. whereas the Commission is required to carry out an impact assessment when putting forward initiatives which are likely to have a significant economic, environmental or social impact;
- C. whereas the Commission Regulatory Scrutiny Board checks the quality of impact assessments;
- D. whereas 20 million people in Europe are unemployed, and whereas, although the impact of legislative proposals on employment is a matter of the utmost importance, this aspect is neglected in the impact studies submitted to Parliament, despite the concerns repeatedly voiced by the Regulatory Scrutiny Board;
- 1. Calls on the chair of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board to issue an invitation to a parliamentary delegation so that the latter can verify the board's independence from the Commission directorates-general;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to broaden the composition of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board so as to turn it into an interinstitutional body which includes MEPs from each political group;
- 3. Calls for a member from each Parliament political group to be allowed to attend meetings of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board, to guarantee its independence.

¹ In particular points 2, 3, 12, 13 and 16.