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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on banning the import of the products of slavery into the EU

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning the import of the products of slavery into the EU

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in 2016, the European Union imported 2 200 billion euros' worth of products and services; energy aside, it imports more from the least developed countries than the USA, Canada, Japan and China put together¹;
- B. whereas the Commission establishes the commercial policy and the European Parliament is responsible for the democratic scrutiny thereof;
- C. whereas the Commission has granted 49 countries access to the European market without quotas or customs duties and is committed to enhancing corporate social responsibility throughout the production chain;
- D. whereas a product sold in Europe cannot be made, either wholly or in part, by a worker paid less than EUR 50 per month, as such a wage is tantamount to slavery;
 - 1. Calls on the Commission to ban the import into the EU of products from any company with subcontractors that are engaged in slavery (paying wages below EUR 50 per month);
 - 2. Calls on the Commission to set up a department to inspect payslips from all production chains.

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52015DC0497>