MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the conspicuous increase in asylum applications from Central and South America in the European Union, particularly by third-country nationals exempt from a visa requirement

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the conspicuous increase in asylum applications from Central and South America in the European Union, particularly by third-country nationals exempt from a visa requirement

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2018/1806, nationals of the third countries listed in Annex II are exempted from the visa requirement provided for in Article 4(1) for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period;

B. whereas there has been a conspicuous increase in the number of asylum applications from Central and South America in the European Union;

C. whereas many of these applicants for asylum come from third countries whose nationals are exempt from a visa requirement;

D. whereas, for example, El Salvador is currently third on the list of countries of origin of asylum seekers in Belgium;

E. whereas irregular migration from Central and South America into the EU is in danger of increasing further in this way;

1. Calls on the Council and the Commission to abolish the visa-free regime for countries such as Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Venezuela;

2. Calls on the Commission and the Council, in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1806, to assess and review the list of third countries whose nationals are exempt from the requirement to possess a visa (as set out in Annex II).