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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 113 of the Rules of Procedure

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## Motion for a European Parliament resolution on footwear imports from China

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in the course of 2005, footwear imports from China have increased by approximately 700% over the 2004 figure and prices have fallen by 28%,
- B. whereas in the wake of the agreement signed in Shanghai on 10 June 2005 by the Commission and the Chinese Government, new textile-product export quotas will come into force,
- C. whereas Mr Frattini (Commissioner) has stated that the Commission will submit a proposal for a directive designed to combat counterfeiting and to bolster intellectual-property rights,
- D. whereas products containing components which are harmful to human health may not be placed on the market, but whereas shoes manufactured from chemical products banned in the EU may be imported from countries outside Europe,
- E. welcoming the Commission's launch of an investigation into footwear imports from China, which involves a procedure for monitoring 33 different products (all from the footwear sector),
- 1. Calls nonetheless on the Commission to:
  - adopt at an early opportunity, once appropriate inquiries have been carried out ad hoc safeguard measures in respect of footwear imports from China;
  - make it mandatory for products imported into the EU to be stamped with their place of origin.

