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on holding a referendum on the European Union's immigration and asylum policy

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on holding a referendum on the European Union's immigration and asylum policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to the Commission's proposals seeking to stimulate new economic immigration by means of 'blue cards',
- B. having regard to the Commission's proposals seeking to harmonise asylum policy and make the status of political refugee more attractive (e.g. by paying 'pocket money'),
- C. whereas both of these options will lead to a significant growth in the number of foreigners in the European Union, as was confirmed by former Commissioner Frattini when he said that the EU 'needs as many as 20 million immigrants',
- D. whereas the policy of mass immigration in recent decades has led to major social problems such as the emergence of parallel societies in which unemployment, crime and Muslim fundamentalism are rampant,
- E. whereas the European Union currently has more than 20 million unemployed,
- F. whereas the people of the Member States have never been asked their opinion on the far-reaching changes caused by the mass immigration of non-Europeans,
- G. whereas referendums may enhance the democratic legitimacy of the EU,
- 1. Calls on the Commission and Council to draft a proposal for the holding of a referendum in all the Member States on the EU's immigration and asylum policy.