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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on statements by the Council and Commission
pursuant to Rule 110(2) of the Rules of Procedure
on the situation of the Roma people in Europe

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European Parliament resolution on the situation of the Roma people in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Art. 20.1 and 2 and Art. 21.1 TFEU,
 - having regard to the accession treaties of Bulgaria and Romania,
 - having regard to Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council,
 - having regard to Rule 110(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in some Member States, notably in France, a transitional arrangement applies regarding the right to free movement of workers on the basis of Bulgaria's and Romania's Accession Treaties, whereby all Bulgarian and Romanian nationals are subject to the restriction of this right until 31 December 2013 at the latest,
- B. whereas the legal aspects of the issue are of primary importance and should not be obscured by political considerations but should be addressed by competent courts,
- C. whereas historically and to date the question of the integration of the Roma has not received any convincing answer,
1. Considers that it is the sovereign duty of a State to determine conditions for the entry, settlement and employment on its territory with due respect for the principle of human dignity and reminds that the right of residence should not become an unreasonable burden for the social assistance system of the host Member State;
 2. Warns against any political exploitation of this highly sensitive and legally complex issue;
 3. Recommends instead that the reasons for which certain populations emigrate should be directly addressed, and urges Romania and Bulgaria to implement the effective integration of the Roma;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.