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further to Questions for Oral Answer B7-0440/2011, B7-0621/2011 and B7-0439/2011

pursuant to Rule 115(5) of the Rules of Procedure

on the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to Schengen

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European Parliament resolution on the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to Schengen

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the questions of 29 September 2011 to the Council and the Commission on the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to Schengen (O-000224/2011 – B7-0440/2011, O-000225/2011 – B7-0621/2011, O-000223/2011 – B7-0439/2011),
 - having regard to Rules 115(5) and 110(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the vote on Bulgarian and Romanian accession to the Schengen zone within the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 22 September 2011 did not reach a unanimous decision due to the Dutch and Finnish veto;
- B. whereas France and Germany showed doubts on this issue;
- C. whereas Romania and Bulgaria did not achieve the Schengen acquis in the fight against corruption and organised crime as well as, regarding Bulgaria, the adoption of measures aimed at facing the increase of the migratory floods expected at the borders with Greece and Turkey;
- D. whereas the removal of checks at the internal borders can encourage the emigration of suspected criminals to the other Member States causing an increase of the criminality, prison overcrowding and a decrease in security and public order;
- E. whereas it is not appropriate to let States join the Schengen zone if they have problems in checking their borders as this would increase migration to the other EU Member States which are already dealing with illegal immigration on the southern borders coming from North Africa and spreading to Northern Europe;
1. Stresses that the Council and the Commission must respect the unanimity principle to let Bulgaria and Romania join the Schengen zone;
 2. Takes the view that Bulgarian and Romanian accession to the Schengen zone is absolutely not appropriate due to the reasons above mentioned;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.