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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on the strengthening of common provisions against counterfeiting together  
with third countries and international organisations

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the strengthening of common provisions against counterfeiting together with third countries and international organisations**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas counterfeiting and piracy are detrimental to the proper functioning of the single market, deflecting trade and distorting competition;
- B. whereas the phenomenon of counterfeiting and piracy has implications for the protection of both consumers, who are the victims of deliberate deception as to the quality they expect from products, and producers, who are affected by reduced sales and access to international markets;
- C. whereas to date there is no common legislation to help prevent this phenomenon, covering for example the determination of indications of origin for products entering the EU from third countries, effective and consistent controls by EU customs and the traceability of goods within the single market;
- 1. Stresses the importance of a stronger political commitment to combating counterfeiting within the single market and of having more resources for this purpose;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to create a proper chapter on common provisions against counterfeiting in bilateral and multilateral agreements with third countries;
- 3. Invites the Commission and representatives of the European Union within international organisations to establish working groups on counterfeiting and piracy in order to develop proper tools for preventing an increase in this phenomenon.