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*Plenary sitting*

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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on tightening up legislation to tackle the counterfeiting of Italian and European leather goods

**Gianluca Buonanno**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on tightening up legislation to tackle the counterfeiting of Italian and European leather goods**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Italian leather industry alone accounts for more than half of all leather goods production in Europe;
- B. whereas the counterfeiting of 'made in Italy' products is having a direct effect on the Italian leather industry;
- C. whereas the counterfeiting of Italian goods has grown to alarming levels and is estimated to have caused EUR 1 billion of damage to the industry, which equates to roughly 4 000 jobs;
- D. whereas the fall in sales of authentic leather goods throughout the EU has resulted in lower VAT and tax revenues;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to take special measures to reverse this upward trend in youth unemployment in Italy;
- 2. Believes that action to tackle counterfeiting should be made a priority;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to take special measures to tackle the problem.