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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on sanctions against Russia

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on sanctions against Russia

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in a recent interview, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Sergei Prikhodko, said that ‘France is Russia’s most important European partner as a result of its relations with Europe and with the rest of the world, and that Franco-Russian cooperation is built on solid foundations of understanding and mutual respect’;
- B. whereas these strong ties are unaffected by the sanctions imposed by the EU, since they do not depend on the economic and political climate, but on cultural and interregional cooperation;
- C. whereas the Russian Deputy Prime Minister went to Paris to celebrate an important moment in the partnership: the installation of one of the golden domes of the new Russian Orthodox church in the Quai Branly, a cultural and spiritual centre open to all;
- 2. Takes note of the vast differences between the politics, outlook and interests of the EU and those of the peoples and nations which make up the Union;
- 3. Calls on the Council to take into account this clear lack of continuity and lift the sanctions against Russia.