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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on calls by the Commission for the retirement age to be put up

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on calls by the Commission for the retirement age to be put up

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Commission and Council are constantly recommending that the retirement age should be put up;
- B. whereas in France half of the people taking retirement are not in employment at the time when they do so;
- C. whereas, owing to its healthy birth rate, France has a low old-age dependency ratio (the number of over-65s is equal to 27% of the number of 15-to-64 year-olds, as against 33% in Germany);
- D. whereas, therefore, the need for an increase in the retirement age is not as pressing in France, given that, according to the OECD, its contributor-to-retiree ratio will stand at 1.4 in 2060, as against 1 in Germany;
- E. whereas, according to a report published by the Commission in 2015, age-related public expenditure as a percentage of GDP should fall by 1.7 points in France, while in Germany it should rise by 5 points;
- F. whereas, at a time of low returns on assets, the introduction of funded pension schemes would give rise to financial problems;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to stop calling for the retirement age to be put up in France and to stop promoting funded pension schemes.