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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on halting the negotiations on the accession of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the EU

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on halting the negotiations on the accession of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the EU

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement¹ that establishes a contractual framework between the EU and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM),
- having regard to its resolution of 10 March 2016 on the 2015 report on FYROM²,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas FYROM applied for EU membership in 2004 and was granted candidate status in 2005;
- B. whereas FYROM does not meet the accession criteria as regards freedom of the press, anti-corruption measures and political pluralism;
- C. whereas the EU cannot foist its vision of a society that upholds human rights on its neighbours – e.g. Russia – and then accept a new Member State which disregards those rights without forfeiting much of its international credibility and legitimacy;
- 1. Calls for the accession negotiations with FYROM to be halted immediately;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Member States.

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/pdf/the_former_yugoslav_republic_of_macedonia/saa03_01_en.pdf.

² <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2016-0091+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>.