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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on regulating the taking-up of private sector employment by former European Commissioners

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on regulating the taking-up of private sector employment by former European Commissioners

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas ten of the Commissioners in the 28-strong Barroso 2 Commission currently occupy posts in the private sector;
- B. whereas Mr Barroso himself has recently joined the bank Goldman Sachs, despite the fact that it falsified Greece's accounts in 2001 and was implicated in the *subprime* scandal;
- C. whereas many Member States have introduced procedures to monitor conflicts of interest in respect of officials and politicians to ensure that they cannot work for enterprises over whose affairs they used to exert influence;
- 1. Notes that too many European Commissioner sell themselves to private lobbies, industries or banks once they have left their posts at the Commission;
- 2. Sees a need to introduce stricter rules of professional conduct in this field and in so doing for the Commission to set an example;
- 3. Calls on the Commission and Member States to adopt the necessary rules to prohibit or limit, particularly by imposing time conditions, the taking-up of private sector employment by European Commissioners and to monitor their overall pay levels.

