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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the recycling of European ships

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the recycling of European ships

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas European ships are commonly recycled in South East Asia, particularly in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, and whereas this practice is harmful to the environment (including from a transport point of view and in terms of soil and water pollution and its impact on biodiversity);
- B. whereas between 1983 and 2013, 470 workers died in the Indian ship-breaking industry;
- C. whereas 40% of the merchant shipping fleet worldwide is in European ownership and, for example, 74% of German and 87% of Greek vessels end up dumped on the coasts of South East Asia;
- D. whereas the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, of May 2009, lays down rules for ship breaking;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to encourage Member States to sign the Hong Kong Convention so that it can come into force;
- 2. Encourages the Commission to promote the breaking of European ships in environment-friendly facilities in Europe, following the example set by Norway;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.