MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the revision of the provisions concerning old-age pensions for Members of the European Parliament

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The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas citizens have recently been feeling growing disaffection with the EU and its institutions;

B. whereas the austerity measures imposed in many Member States over the past decade have led to huge public spending cuts for social policies, in particular regarding the pensions of ordinary citizens;

C. whereas there is currently a huge gap between the privileges of those who are engaged in politics and the enormous sacrifices being demanded of the general public;

1. Takes the view that Decision 2005/684/EC on the Statute for Members needs to be revised, in order to amend Article 14 and bring the pension entitlements of Members of the European Parliament into line with the social security systems for ordinary citizens of individual Member States, as regards both the calculation of the amount and the age- and contribution-related requirements which entitle them to a pension;

2. Calls for – in keeping with the previous paragraph – a recalculation of the pensions paid out from the EU budget for former Members who accrued such an entitlement prior to, and following, the entry into force of the current Statute.