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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on prison overcrowding and security risks

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on prison overcrowding and security risks

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to data published by the Italian Ministry of Justice, as at 29 February 2020, 61 230 people were being held in prisons in Italy, which actually have a capacity of 50 931, the average overcrowding rate being 120 %;
- B. whereas, in Italian prisons, the problem of overcrowding is compounded by the presence of numerous prisoners convicted of organised crimes;
- C. whereas the European Parliament resolution of 25 October 2011 on organised crime in the European Union (2010/2309 (INI)) calls, in paragraph 32, for ‘suitable detention provisions for offences relating to organised crime, [...] to prevent prisoners from continuing to lead organisations during their sentences or from helping them to achieve their aims by committing further crimes’;
- 1. Urges the Commission to support Italy in seeking solutions to the problem of prison overcrowding;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to develop, together with Italy, appropriate measures to prevent the risk of Italian prisons becoming a place for planning potential new crimes relating to organised crime.