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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on updating the EU Regulation on the reporting, analysis and follow-up of occurrences in civil aviation to include UAP reporting

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAPs) remain a stigmatised subject, which often inhibits methodical data collection and analysis by the scientific community;
- B. whereas a significant number of UAP occurrences, including many first-hand sightings by airline pilots and their crews, remain unexplained or unreported;
- C. whereas Regulation (EU) 376/2014¹ only allows aviation professionals to report on safety-related matters;
- D. whereas bipartisan lawmakers in the United States have proposed new legislation (Bill HR6967, the Safe Airspace for Americans Act) to protect civilian pilots and aviation personnel who report UAP sightings;
- 1. Considers that the EU should propose guidelines for a common methodology for reporting and analysing UAP sightings, which could result in a harmonised EU database and repository and thus allow a technical exchange of information between Member States;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to propose updating the current legislation, namely Regulation (EU) 376/2014, to include a mechanism for consistent, transparent and stigma-free reporting and data analysis regarding UAPs in EU airspace, including where such occurrences do not pose any apparent and immediate safety risk to the aircraft concerned.

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¹ Regulation (EU) 376/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the reporting, analysis and follow-up of occurrences in civil aviation, amending Regulation (EU) No 996/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Directive 2003/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulations (EC) No 1321/2007 and (EC) No 1330/2007 (OJ L 122, 24.4.2014, p. 18).