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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RECOMMENDATION of
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on Europe against Mafia

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The committee of inquiry into mafia related and other criminal organizations.

Resolution on the question Europe against mafia.

- A. Considering money laundering prevention and terrorist financing as major priorities;
- B. Deeply conscious of Article 82 and Article 83 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFUE);
- C. Taking into consideration the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (CESE) on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the freezing and confiscation of proceeds of crime in the European Union;
- D. Guided by the opinion of the Committee of the Regions about the package on protection of the licit economy;
- E. Further recalling the directive (2005/60/EC) of the EU and of the Council;
- F. Recalling the “national emission ceiling” (NEC) directive (2016/2284/EU) entered into force on 31 December 2016;
- G. Guided by the 2014 directive (2014/42/EU) on the freezing and confiscation of instrumentalities and proceeds of crime in the European Union;
- H. Further noting the 2014 EU regulation (n.513/2014) about financial support for EU’s external borders and common visa policy: Internal Security Fund;
- I. Bearing in mind the recommendation passed by the United Nations against corruption;
- J. Observing the communication of the committee to “create a space for freedom, security, and justice for EU’s citizens: action plan for realization of Stockholm’s program” (COM2010/0107);
- K. Confident about the communication of the committee “EU’s strategy of internal security: five stages to a safer Europe” (COM2010/0673);
- L. Contemplating the CE regulation n. 1889/2005 of EU’s Parliament and Council regarding controls on incoming and outgoing cash from the community;

M. Having regard to regulation (EC) n.1781/2006 on information on the payer accompanying transfers of funds;

1. Proclaims that being a member of a Mafia-type organization is considered as a crime per se.
2. Endorses the raising of funds by each member State meant to support cooperation in investigations between Member States through confiscated assets, which once belonged to Mafia organizations.
3. Further recommends sensibilization of the public opinion about cybercrime through:
 - i. School programs meant to raise awareness on mafia's phenomena, especially in those territories particularly affected by criminal activities.
4. Strongly condemns toxic waste disposal. In order to obstacle communication between mafia and landowners the following action will be taken:
 - i. Controls on landowners' areas will be reinforced, in order to quickly recognize illegal movements.
5. Urges higher protection both on national and international level.
6. Encourages every national central bank to lead yearly controls over politicians' finances, in order to prevent infiltration in politics.
7. Deplores the election of politicians involved with ongoing court case.
8. Affirms that, as of 2019, one of the major priority of the European Union is the prevention of money laundering. In order to do so:
 - i. The identity of beneficial owners should be more frequent and precise, to prevent terrorist organizations from being financed.
9. Reaffirms that extradition requests for fugitive Mafiosi must be prioritized by receiving competent authorities.