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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on granting citizenship of an EU Member State to the Israeli hostages held by Hamas

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA (Victims' Rights Directive)¹ and the EU strategy on victims' rights (2020-2025) drawn up by the Commission,
- having regard to Directive (EU) 2017/541 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on combating terrorism and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA and amending Council Decision 2005/671/JHA²,
- having regard to the 2021-2030 EU strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life.
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Hamas has perpetrated a brutal and unjustified attack on Israel;
- B. whereas Hamas has killed thousands and taken more than 200 hostages, many of them European citizens or dual nationals in its terrorist acts;
- C. whereas defending Europe and defending Israel are one and the same;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to take action to secure the release of the hostages by Hamas and to support the families of the victims and the missing;
- 2. Calls on the Council to encourage EU governments to grant citizenship of a Member State to Israeli hostages held by Hamas.

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¹ OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 57.

² OJ L 88, 31.3.2017, p. 6.