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23. Calls for further comprehensive dialogue between the Russian Federation and the United States on security issues, including the establishment of the missile defence shield;

24. Calls on the EU representatives at the EU-Russia Summit to raise all the issues referred to in this resolution;

25. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation, the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Misleading business directories

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European Parliament resolution of 9 June 2011 on misleading business directories (Petitions 0045/2006, 1476/2006, 0079/2003, 0819/2003, 1010/2005, 0052/2007, 0306/2007, 0444/2007, 0562/2007 and others)

(2012/C 380 E/16)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to its resolution of 16 December 2008 on misleading directory companies (Petitions 0045/2006, 1476/2006, 0079/2003, 0819/2003, 1010/2005, 0052/2007, 0306/2007, 0444/2007, 0562/2007 and others) ⁽¹⁾,

— having regard to Rules 115(5) and 110(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas Parliament has received more than 400 petitions concerning widespread misleading business practices by business directory companies affecting thousands of mostly small businesses in the European Union, with a significant financial impact; whereas Parliament continues to receive petitions and complaints about business directory companies,

B. whereas the misleading business practices in question typically consist in luring businesses, as well as professionals and non-profit entities, into being listed in a business directory free of charge; whereas signatories later discover that they have signed up to a contract with a fee,

C. whereas the business directory companies are often established in a different Member State from that of their victims, making it difficult for the latter to seek protection and/or redress from national authorities,

1. Regrets that Directive 2006/114/EC ⁽²⁾ on misleading and comparative advertising, which applies to business-to-business transactions, appears to be either insufficient in providing an effective remedy or inadequately enforced by Member States;

2. Recalls that, although the Commission has no power to enforce the Directive directly against individuals or companies, it does have a duty to ensure that the Directive is adequately implemented by Member States;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 45 E, 23.2.2010, p. 17.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 376, 27.12.2006, p. 21.

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3. Calls on the Commission to proactively verify Member States' transposition, implementation and national enforcement of Directive 2006/114/EC and take corrective action where needed;
4. Urges the Commission to speed up its activities with regard to revising and improving the Directive and other relevant legislation so as to put an end to the misleading practices of business directory companies as soon as possible, notably by specifically black-listing misleading practices by business directories;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.

Madagascar

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European Parliament resolution of 9 June 2011 on the situation in Madagascar

(2012/C 380 E/17)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 8 and 9 of the Cotonou Agreement, concerning political dialogue and respect for human rights respectively,
- having regard to its previous resolutions on Madagascar, particularly those of 7 May 2009 ⁽¹⁾ and 11 February 2010 ⁽²⁾, and the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly fact-finding mission to Madagascar of 10-11 July 2010,
- having regard to the statement of 19 November 2010 by the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton,
- having regard to the Swaziland Communiqué of 30 March 2009 and to the Livingstone decision of 31 March 2011 which, in paragraph 6, states that the solution in Madagascar needs to be democratic, consensual, inclusive and transparent,
- having regard to the Maputo Accords of 8 and 9 August 2009 and the Addis Ababa Additional Act of 6 November 2009, signed by the four leaders of the political groupings in Madagascar, these Accords having constitutional value as expressly agreed by the stakeholders and recognised by the international community,
- having regard to the suspension of Madagascar from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Union (AU),
- having regard to the sanctions decided by the African Union on 17 March 2010 and confirmed on 31 January 2011 against Mr Rajoelina and more than a hundred of his allies,
- having regard to the recent roadmap proposed by the mediation team of the SADC,
- having regard to the SADC Extraordinary Summit on Madagascar of 20 May 2011,
- having regard to Rule 122(5) of its Rules of Procedure,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 212 E, 5.8.2010, p. 111.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 341 E, 16.12.2010, p. 72.