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31. Stresses the importance of the Ombudsman's own-initiative inquiries, which allow him to address issues that are not otherwise brought to his attention owing to the fact that the public do not have the requisite information or resources to apply to him; considers it important to increase the visibility of the Office of the European Ombudsman;

32. Welcomes the adoption during 2012 of a law establishing an ombudsman institution in Turkey; acknowledges the role of the European Ombudsman's support and advice in this development; is pleased with the fact that all the candidate countries have now established an ombudsman institution at national level; considers that experience shows that the Ombudsman is a highly useful body for the improvement of good administration, the rule of law and defence of human rights and that the Member States that have yet to establish an Ombudsman institution should therefore actively consider doing so; calls on the European Ombudsman to carry on assisting future candidate countries in this process;

33. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the Committee on Petitions to the Council, the Commission, the European Ombudsman, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and their ombudsmen or similar competent bodies.

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Third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 12 September 2013 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (COM(2011)0290 — C7-0135/2011 — 2011/0138(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2011)0290),
- having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 77(2)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0135/2011),
- having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 18 July 2013 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (A7-0139/2013),

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1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 12 September 2013 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) No .../2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) No 1289/2013.)

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European Banking Authority and prudential supervision of credit institutions *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 12 September 2013 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority) as regards its interaction with Council Regulation (EU) No .../... conferring specific tasks on the European Central Bank concerning policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions (COM(2012)0512 — C7-0289/2012 — 2012/0244(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2012)0512),
- having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0289/2012),
- having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the opinion of the European Central Bank of 27 November 2012 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 15 November 2012 ⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 30, 1.2.2013, p. 6.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 11, 15.1.2013, p. 34.