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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on a ban on the mining of shale gas by means of fracking

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a ban on the mining of shale gas by means of fracking

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in response to their energy supply problems, some Member States, such as Poland, have issued licences for the exploration of shale gas deposits;
- B. whereas the extraction method currently used (fracking) involves drilling vertical bore holes and injecting horizontally under high pressure a mixture of water, sand and chemicals;
- C. whereas the environmental and health implications of the use of this method are worrying, in particular in the light of the damage documented in the United States;
- 1. Calls, in keeping with the precautionary principle, for a moratorium to be imposed in Europe on the mining of shale gas by means of fracking;
- 2. Calls on all the Member States to suspend exploration licences and to commission rigorous studies into the impact of fracking on the environment and health;
- 3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to carry out research with a view to identifying alternative methods of extracting shale gas which are not damaging to public health or the environment;
- 4. Instructs its President to put forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.