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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on food waste

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on food waste**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas one of the flagship initiatives of the Italian Council Presidency is a day (24 November) given over to combating food waste, the watchword being ‘Stop food waste, feed the planet’;
- B. whereas every year 89 million tonnes of food (179 kilos per person) is thrown away and whereas that quantity is equivalent to more than 50% of Europe’s annual production;
- C. whereas unless specific steps are taken to reverse this trend, food waste will by 2020 have risen by 40% to 126 million tonnes, according to figures published by the Commission;
- D. whereas cutting food waste would help to fight hunger, put resources to more rational use, and lower methane/CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
- E. whereas it is estimated that 79 million Europeans are living below the poverty line and 16 million people have to rely on food aid;
- 1. Believes that awareness campaigns need to be promoted at both European and national level in order to show the public how to avoid food waste and provide a political frame of reference for measures to prevent food waste.