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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the mandatory stunning of animals prior to slaughter or killing

**Sophie Montel, Dominique Bilde**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the mandatory stunning of animals prior to slaughter or killing**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Council Directive 93/119/EC of 22 December 1993 on the protection of animals at the time of slaughter or killing,
  - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas animals are sentient beings;
- B. whereas animal welfare is a Union value;
- C. whereas when animals are slaughtered or killed the agitation, pain, distress, fear and other forms of suffering they experience must be kept to a minimum;
- D. whereas it has been scientifically proven that any stress or mistreatment an animal suffers at the time it is killed has an adverse effect on the quality of the meat obtained from it;
- E. whereas animals killed using the methods prescribed by certain religions are not first stunned;
- F. whereas countless reports, studies and journalistic accounts bear witness to the terrible suffering undergone by animals which, in the course of ritual slaughter, have their throats cut without first being stunned, and whereas sometimes the animals involved take more than 10 minutes to die;
- G. whereas many EU Member States, such as Poland, Luxembourg, Greece, Austria and Denmark, have done away with the derogations for ritual slaughter;
1. Calls, in the name of animal welfare, for the stunning of animals before they are killed or slaughtered to be made mandatory and for the abolition in all the Member States of the derogations granted for ritual slaughter;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.