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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on stronger emergency measures to combat the spread of avian influenza in the European Union

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on stronger emergency measures to combat the spread of avian influenza in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC,
 - having regard to the Commission decision of 6 July 2006 concerning measures to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza caused by influenza A virus of subtype H5N1 to birds kept in zoos and approved bodies, institutes and centres in the Member States and repealing Decision 2005/744/EC,
 - having regard to the Commission decision of 4 August 2006 approving a Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza as provided for in Council Directive 2005/94/EC,
 - having regard to the Commission decision of 11 August 2006 concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N1 in wild birds in the Community and repealing Decision 2006/115/EC,
 - having regard to the Commission decision of 25 June 2010 on the implementation by Member States of surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds,
 - having regard to the Commission regulation of 7 January 2013 laying down animal health conditions for imports of certain birds into the Community and the quarantine conditions thereof,
 - having regard to the Commission implementing decision of 17 November 2014 concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in the Netherlands,
 - having regard to the Commission implementing decision of 17 November 2014 concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in the United Kingdom,
 - having regard to the Commission implementing decision of 6 November 2014 concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Germany,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas avian influenza has reappeared in Europe;
- B. whereas the Dutch authorities announced that a case of avian influenza in a poultry farm in the Netherlands was caused by the H5N8 form of the virus and that 150 000 chickens were due to be culled;

- C. whereas other cases of avian influenza have been detected in Great Britain and Germany;
- D. whereas the H5N8 virus is extremely dangerous, fatal for poultry, capable of crossing the species barrier and may be transmitted to humans (zoonoses) that have direct contact with infected animals;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to adopt stronger emergency measures to combat this virus and prevent it from spreading to other Member States;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.