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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on animal welfare on mink farms

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on animal welfare on mink farms

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Convention of 10 March 1976 for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes,
 - having regard to Articles 3 and 4 of Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes,
 - having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 4 July 2012 on the European Union Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2012–2015,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas animals are sentient beings;
- B. whereas animal welfare and the protection of animals are Community values;
- C. whereas in the natural environment mink live in very large territories that include areas of water;
- D. whereas Article 3 of the European Convention of 10 March 1976 for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes states that ‘Animals shall be housed and provided with food, water and care in a manner which – having regard to their species and to their degree of development, adaptation and domestication – is appropriate to their physiological and ethological needs in accordance with established experience and scientific knowledge’;
1. Takes the view that keeping mink in cages to farm their fur is totally contrary to the basic principles of animal welfare laid down in the Community texts mentioned above;
 2. Calls on the Commission to ban mink farming for fur production in the European Union, thus ensuring strict compliance with Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998;
 3. Instructs its President to put forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.