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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on compliance with Directive 2010/63/EU and opposing an expansion in the primate breeding programme in Niederhausbergen

**Dominique Bilde, Sophie Montel, Marine Le Pen**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on compliance with Directive 2010/63/EU and opposing an expansion in the primate breeding programme in Niederhausbergen**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes<sup>1</sup>, which calls for animal testing to be restricted, replaced or refined,
- having regard to the European Union strategy for the protection and welfare of animals for the period 2012-2015,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Prefect of Strasbourg has authorised an expansion in the primate breeding programme in Niederhausbergen which would double the number of animals involved from 800 to 1 600;
- B. whereas the value of animal testing involving primates as models of human pathology is being challenged by an increasing number of scientists;
- C. whereas the unreliability of animal testing can put people's lives at risk (140 000 hospital admissions and 13 000 deaths in France alone);
- D. whereas the primate breeding centre concerned is expected to receive primates which fall under Appendix 1 to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and Annex A to the relevant EU regulation;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to promote research into alternatives to animal testing;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to take all possible steps to enforce Directive 2010/63/EU and to ban the proposed expansion in the primate breeding programme in Niederhausbergen;
- 3. Calls on the President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 276, 20.10.2010, p. 33.