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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on protecting truffle habitats and increasing their value

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting truffle habitats and increasing their value

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the territory of the European Union is the largest site of natural truffle habitats and of truffle plantation;
- B. bearing in mind the importance of natural truffle habitats for the preservation of forest ecosystems and biodiversity, and recalling that *Tuber magnatum pico* (the white truffle) is a rare product that cannot grow in plantations;
- C. whereas truffles are part of Europe's gastronomic and cultural heritage and make a significant contribution to European tourism, especially in rural areas;
- D. whereas overall community development, natural disasters and climate change are threatening truffle habitats and sustainable truffle cultivation in Europe;
- 1. Calls on the Commission actively to contribute, by means of targeted incentives, to the comprehensive protection of truffle habitats and to foster research aimed at allowing the sustainable growth of truffles in natural habitats and further stimulating their cultivation through plantation, especially in the case of certain truffle varieties;
- 2. Calls on the Commission, the Member States and regional and local authorities to enhance synergistic cooperation and promote concrete measures to protect truffle habitats and increase their value on the world market.