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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the protection of chestnut woods

**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the protection of chestnut woods**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas European chestnut woods are threatened in 16 Member States by the dangerous pest *Dryocosmus kuriphilus*, and in 24 Member States by the fungus *Cryphonectria parasitica*, which causes chestnut blight;
- B. whereas the sweet chestnut (*Castanea sativa*) is of great importance for forest biodiversity and the gastronomic traditions of the areas in which it grows, and plays a significant role in the economic development of many rural areas;
- C. whereas the sweet chestnut is dying out rapidly in numerous areas and there is a need for biological suppression of pests and parasites by means of natural enemies and microbiological preparations, with a view to preserving forest communities;
- D. taking into account Commission Decision 2006/464/EC and other acts of the Member States;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to prepare, in cooperation with the Member States and local and regional authorities, a comprehensive and effective programme of measures aimed at suppressing and eliminating the pest *Dryocosmus kuriphilus* and the fungus *Cryphonectria parasitica*.