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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on compulsory stunning of livestock prior to killing and the mandatory presence of veterinary surgeons and registered independent inspectors to monitor operations involved in the slaughter of animals

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

**Motion for a European Parliament Resolution on compulsory stunning of livestock prior to killing and the mandatory presence of veterinary surgeons and registered independent inspectors to monitor operations involved in the slaughter of animals**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 360 million cattle, pigs and goats are killed every year in slaughterhouses in the European Union;
- B. whereas the regulation referred to above states that ‘animals shall be spared any avoidable pain, distress or suffering during their killing and related operations’;
- C. whereas numerous official reports state that, for reasons of cost-efficiency, at least 50 % of slaughterhouses in France do not stun before slaughter;
- D. whereas responsibility for monitoring animal welfare falls to one individual appointed by the slaughterhouse operator, meaning that the slaughterhouse is in effect overseeing itself;
- E. whereas countless scandals in the food sector have highlighted the limits of self-regulation;
- 1. Calls for stunning prior to slaughter to be made mandatory and for registered and independent inspectors to be present during slaughter to prevent animals which are conscious from being suspended or hoisted and to prevent stripping and scalding operations from being carried out on animals which are still alive;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.