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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on combating ivory trafficking

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on combating ivory trafficking

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Commission Recommendation 2007/425/EC identifying a set of actions for the enforcement of Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 November 1996,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 17 000 elephants were killed in 2011 alone, and whereas quantities of ivory on the market have tripled in the last 10 years;
- B. whereas ivory trafficking represents a grave threat to the survival of elephants in Africa and is jeopardising all local ecosystems;
- C. whereas organised crime networks are often involved in ivory trafficking, and whereas ivory trafficking is a source of revenue for terrorist groups;
- D. whereas the European Union is a significant market for illegal ivory, but also a transit route for the illegal ivory trade, which is mainly fuelled by demand in Asia;
- 1. Calls for the introduction of moratoriums on all commercial imports, exports and sales of tusks and raw and worked ivory products;
- 2. Urges Member States to destroy their illegal stocks of ivory immediately;
- 3. Calls for all possible means to be used to fight organised crime, corruption and money laundering, including the confiscation of assets acquired through wildlife trafficking.