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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on halting the TTIP negotiations to protect animal welfare

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on halting the TTIP negotiations to protect animal welfare

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 purposes¹,
- having regard to the EU strategy for the protection and welfare of animals 2012-2015,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the negotiations taking place on the agreement between the United States and the European Union do not take animal welfare into account;
- B. whereas the EU's initial negotiating position, published on 8 January 2015, indicates that sanitary and phytosanitary measures should not create unnecessary barriers to trade;
- C. whereas this agreement will put European farmers in an unsustainable economic situation, by creating unfair competition;
- D. whereas this agreement will mark the advent of a productivist agricultural model based on profitability alone, to the detriment of animal welfare and the environment and posing risks to health;
- E. whereas US animal welfare legislation is much less binding than EU legislation;
- 1. Takes the view that TTIP runs counter to the fundamental principles of the EU in terms of animal protection;
- 2. Calls for the TTIP negotiations to be halted;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

¹ OJ L 276, 20.10.2010, p. 33.