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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on a ban on importing angora fur and rabbit hides from China

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a ban on importing angora fur and rabbit hides from China**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes,
  - having regard to its resolution of 4 July 2012 on the European Union Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2012–2015,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the volume of imports of angora fur and rabbit hides from China to the European Union is constantly rising;
- B. whereas China does not have the same standards in fur farming as the EU, in particular as regards animal welfare and the environment;
- C. whereas a great many animal welfare associations have denounced the abominable conditions in which rabbits are farmed in China (e.g. angora rabbits skinned alive rather than clipping or plucking them, just to save time);
- D. whereas owing to pressure from consumers a great many ready-to-wear brands have decided to stop using rabbit fur from China;
1. Calls for a ban on importing angora fur and rabbit hides from China into the European Union;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.