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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on prohibiting the killing of male chicks

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on prohibiting the killing of male chicks

The European Parliament,

- having regard to 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 many hatcheries carry out mass culling of male chicks;
- B. whereas the two main methods of killing are crushing and suffocation in sacks;
- C. whereas Germany has recently announced that it intends in the near future to impose a nationwide ban on the culling of male chicks in hatcheries;
- D. whereas this barbaric practice is incompatible with the EU's animal protection and welfare strategy;
- 1. Calls on the EU to encourage Member States to prohibit hatcheries once and for all from culling male chicks;
- 2. Calls on the EU to encourage research into prenatal sexing methods so that chicks can be sorted before they are hatched and thus saved from being culled;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, and the Member States.

