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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on banning the creation of new dolphinariums in the EU and respecting dolphins' living conditions

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning the creation of new dolphinariums in the EU and respecting dolphins' living conditions

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, according to various experts and veterinarians, the conditions under which dolphins are kept in captivity are questionable and do not permit them to live a decent life;
- B. whereas life in a dolphinarium prevents dolphins from satisfying certain real needs, such as the need to hunt and the need to travel long distances;
- C. whereas dolphins in captivity have a considerably shorter life expectancy than wild dolphins;
- D. whereas several European countries, including the United Kingdom, Austria and Croatia, have already banned dolphinariums;
- 1. Believes that the EU should prevent the creation of new dolphinariums on its territory;
- 2. Encourages the Commission to adopt measures to improve the living conditions of dolphins kept in captivity;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.