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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on a general ban on the importation of elephant trophies into the European Union

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a general ban on the importation of elephant trophies into the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2015/870,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in July 2015, the European Union's Scientific Review Group decided to deliver an unfavourable opinion on the importation of African elephant hunting trophies from Tanzania and Mozambique;
- B. whereas the Scientific Review Group also delivered an unfavourable opinion on the importation of trophies from Zambia;
- C. whereas, however, these bans are not permanent and they apply only to the three above-mentioned countries;
- D. whereas poaching seriously threatens the survival of African elephants and sustains trafficking in trophies;
- E. whereas the elephant population in Tanzania has fallen by a dramatic 63% in five years, from 109 000 individuals to the current 43 000;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to introduce a general and definitive ban on the importation of elephant trophies into the European Union;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.