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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on circular agriculture

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on circular agriculture

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas modern agriculture will not be sustainable in the long run, as it applies the principles of the traditional linear economy (take, use and throw away), which call for continuous inputs of raw materials that are being exhausted and which produce waste that cannot be properly disposed of and ends up polluting rivers and seas;
- B. whereas the principles of the circular economy can also be applied to the agricultural sector, focusing on the recovery of resources taken from the ground but still in circulation (waste from food industries, municipal wastewater, manure from stables, exclusively organic substances), rather than adding to them from the outside;
- C. whereas with this new method, soil fertility and biodiversity could be preserved and the amount of waste decreased;
- 1. Takes the view that the application of the principles of the circular economy in agriculture would make European farms independent, reducing pollution from nitrates and phosphates in the EU;
- 2. Believes that circular agriculture could also be the solution to the problem of soil erosion which each year, around the world, causes the loss of 24 billion tonnes of soil, only a hundredth part of which nature is able to replenish;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to promote circular agriculture through information campaigns and incentives.