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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on conservation agriculture

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on conservation agriculture**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas agriculture is facing environmental and productivity challenges, including those of soil conservation, saving irrigation water and reducing the use of pesticides;
  - B. whereas conservation agriculture (CA) can lead to increased soil fertility and productivity, a more efficient use of water and an improved ability to adapt to and mitigate climate change;
  - C. whereas CA can also lead to a reduction in erosion, decreased emissions of greenhouse gases and an optimal use of agrochemicals;
  - D. whereas the spread of CA is limited in the EU on account of inadequate institutional support for minimising the risks involved in the transition from conventional agriculture, which may include a temporary decrease in yield, and on account of the cost of a no-till seeder;
1. Considers that long-term policy changes that stimulate the widespread adoption of CA for sustainable soil and water conservation and production intensification should be implemented;
  2. Calls on the Commission to promote the more widespread use of CA through appropriate policy measures;
  3. Calls on the Commission to promote appropriate training for farmers and the alignment of public and private institutions to support the widespread adoption of CA.