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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the Commission's role in the Volkswagen scandal

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Commission's role in the Volkswagen scandal

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the German company Volkswagen is accused of having rigged its engines to falsify anti-pollution tests;
- B. whereas the British Financial Times newspaper has uncovered the existence of exchanges of correspondence between European Commissioners going back to 2013 in which they expressed concern at the possible rigging of tests on Volkswagen vehicles;
- C. whereas the European authorities completely disregarded the warnings given by the Environment Commissioner, Janez Potočnik, who had drawn attention to this problem in a letter of February 2013 to the Commissioner responsible for Industry and Entrepreneurship, Antonio Tajani;
- D. is astonished that the American authorities waited for two years before reporting this scandal;
- E. whereas the Commission appears to have given way to the German car lobby, since it has refused to require car manufacturers to adapt engines to new tests;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to disclose whether it indeed knew of this manipulation and why it did not take any action to deal with it, as it is normally so quick to do.