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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on aid for beekeeping in France

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on aid for beekeeping in France

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in 2013 there were 70 000 beekeepers and 1.3 million beehives in France, and sales of French honey were worth EUR 133 million;
- B. whereas 10 000 tonnes of honey was produced in France in 2014, compared with 32 000 tonnes in 1995 and 20 000 tonnes in 2011, and French imports of honey – chiefly from Spain, China, Argentina and Hungary – amounted to a record 25 000 tonnes in 2014;
- C. whereas the number of apiaries in France fell by 40% between 2000 and 2010, and French honey production declined by 28% between 2006 and 2010, as against a global increase in honey output of 27% between 1991 and 2009 (+60% in China);
- D. whereas factors responsible for the collapse of national honey production and the rise in imports include not only bad weather but also attacks by the Asian hornet and the use of certain insecticides;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to take measures to support beekeeping in France and in Europe generally, where the sector has been hit particularly by unfair competition from foreign producers and by the use of insecticides;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.