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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on banning imports of honey from China

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning imports of honey from China

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas global honey production rose by 27% from 1991 to 2009 (notably in China, where it has risen by more than 60% in 10 years), while it fell by 28% in France between 2006 and 2010 and in Europe has only increased by 30% in the past 10 years;
- B. whereas Chinese honey was banned in the EU between 2002 and 2004 because of attempts to hide its origin and the risk that it contained lead;
- C. whereas, according to a survey carried out by the Moselle Apiculture Research Centre, 10% of honey imported into France is fake, coming mostly from China and Vietnam;
- D. whereas in China the honey is collected too soon, before it has matured, producing a honey of poor quality, saturated with water and having a tendency to overferment;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to ban imports of Chinese honey into the EU until China brings its practices into line with ours and controls are introduced;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.