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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on banning the sale of products containing glyphosate

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning the sale of products containing glyphosate

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has deemed it ‘improbable’ that there is a carcinogenic risk from the glyphosate used in pesticides;
- B. whereas glyphosate is the most widely produced herbicide worldwide, and in particular is present in the product ‘Roundup’ made by Monsanto;
- C. whereas, however, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) declared that this substance was probably carcinogenic, along with other pesticides such as malathion and diazinon;
- D. whereas the EFSA has been involved in numerous conflicts of interest and scandals in the past, such as the case of Mr Moretto, who had to resign from his position at the EFSA following revelations that he was linked to Melete (a company providing consultancy to pesticide manufacturers, of which he owned 17 %), or that of Ms Bánáti, the former Chair of the EFSA Management Board;
- E. whereas there are questions surrounding Mr Potočník, former Commissioner for the Environment and a current member of the ‘Forum for the Future of Agriculture’, a pressure group formed by the agrochemical company Syngenta;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to ban the sale of products containing glyphosate to private individuals.