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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on excluding water management from the scope of the internal market rules

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on excluding water management from the scope of the internal market rules**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the trade negotiations being conducted by the Commission (TTIP, CETA, TiSA) are jeopardising public services, and water management and supply services in particular;
- B. whereas in France water costs 15 to 20% more when it is privately managed than when it is publicly managed;
- C. whereas, even when ‘structural’ factors are set aside, municipalities whose water is privately managed pay around EUR 11 more per 120 cubic metres, a problem which hits small municipalities disproportionately hard;
- D. whereas private water management is a source of endemic corruption which has led to many French water management contracts being declared null and void by the courts;
- E. whereas the Commission has ignored the European Citizens’ Initiative on ‘Water is a Human Right’;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to exclude water management and supply from trade agreements and from the internal market rules, and to rule out any liberalisation of water services.