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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on protecting the traditional cuisine and recipes of local regions

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting the traditional cuisine and recipes of local regions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas traditional cuisine and recipes are an integral part of the culture of every region, irrespective of their role in tourism and hence purely commercial purposes;
- B. whereas regional top quality products and their producers, who are mostly small or very small enterprises or farmers, are of utmost importance for almost all traditional dishes;
- C. whereas legislation as it stands at present does not give sufficient consideration to this important sector of community life and does not accord these products and above all traditional recipes the value they deserve in the context of regional historical, local and traditional culture;
- D. whereas local small producers and the custodians of these traditions, while always highly regarded by all concerned, are no longer able to compete with industrial products that have no connection with tradition and typical local cuisine;
- 1. Considers therefore that rules to protect this important sector are needed in order to ensure these resources are preserved for the future;
- 2. Suggests there should be legislation setting out rules and regulations that give greater protection to traditional cuisine and special recipes handed down from generation to generation.