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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on banning neonicotinoid insecticides

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning neonicotinoid insecticides**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the average mortality rate for bee colonies in Europe has risen from 5% to 30% since neonicotinoid insecticides were introduced in the 1990s;
- B. whereas over the same period honey production has plummeted from 40 000 tonnes per year to the current levels of 10 000 or 15 000 tonnes;
- C. whereas neonicotinoid insecticides and fipronil pose a threat not only to insects, but also to the environment, and to land and water-based vertebrates, given that they remain in the soil for one to two years after use, even when applied in small quantities;
- D. whereas using these insecticides jeopardises the quality and quantity of food produced, given that certain insects began developing resistance in the 2000s, which forced manufacturers to develop increasingly toxic products;
- E. whereas in Italy, where these products have been banned, bee mortality had fallen by 15% three years after the ban was introduced;
- F. whereas the European Food Safety Authority has concluded that these insecticides pose a serious risk to bee populations and has recommended a moratorium on their use in certain circumstances;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to ban neonicotinoid insecticides.