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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on reviewing legislation on deforestation and on the protection and conservation of natural mountain environments

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on reviewing legislation on deforestation and on the protection and conservation of natural mountain environments**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the excessive presence of woods and forests in many mountain areas is becoming a danger for the environment;
- B. whereas proper monitoring of forest areas, during periods of persistent drought, in many cases prevents fires and irreversible damage both to nature and to residential areas in the vicinity;
- C. whereas numerous management authorities, such as parks or nature reserves, mountain communities, etc., are responsible for clearing vegetation;
- D. whereas proper forest clearance measures facilitate, in addition to safety, remedial work to secure areas affected by possible landslides, improvement of road conditions for farmers and livestock breeders, biodiversity and landscape conservation and the regeneration of mountain and hill farming;
- 1. Believes, therefore, that greater attention should be paid to the issue of deforestation, which should be regarded as a priority;
- 2. Calls for legislative action to be taken with a view to adopting measures concerning deforestation and the protection and conservation of natural mountain environments, by promoting the establishment of new strategies and working groups to study the environmental remediation measures which need to be taken.