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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on a complete overhaul of agricultural policy

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## Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a complete overhaul of agricultural policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the French agricultural sector is in the throes of a structural crisis fuelled by the deregulation of markets orchestrated by the EU, and whereas this deregulation has caused prices to fluctuate wildly and has added to the uncertainty surrounding the situation of farmers, who are increasingly burdened with debt;
- B. whereas the free-trade agreements with Canada and the United States will exacerbate the agricultural crisis by increasing the volume of imports;
- C. whereas a number of countries, including Canada, still use guaranteed minimum price systems and have placed the emphasis on discussions between the government and producers in the context cross-industry programmes that set, on the basis of domestic demand, annual production quotas which are established at national level and allocated at local level;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to reintroduce guaranteed minimum prices and quotas and to give the Member States free rein to negotiate with producers and set annual production volumes;
- 2. Calls for the introduction of a labelling system which makes it mandatory to specify the origin of meat contained in processed products;
- 3. Calls on the Member States to follow the example of the United States and urge public authorities to buy local.

