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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on factory farms

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on factory farms**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas factory farms in the EU, such as the 'Thousand Cow Farm' in the Somme, are closely modelled on similar establishments in the US, which account for more than half of all American milk production, and are flourishing;
- B. whereas liberalisation is pitting farms around the world against one another, forcing them to merge and take on debt and continually cut their costs in an effort to remain competitive on international markets on which prices fluctuate seemingly arbitrarily;
- C. whereas this quantitative model inevitably leads to overproduction, plummeting prices (which will undermine less profitable holdings even further) and declining quality;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to review its decision to do away with milk quotas and deregulate markets, so that the Member States can promote high-quality local produce and, in particular, encourage local authorities to buy local;
- 2. Urges the Member States to tackle the problem of factory farms.