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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on conflicts of interests within EFSA

**Sophie Montel, Florian Philippot**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on conflicts of interests within EFSA**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, on 26 January 2016, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) announced the appointment of the chief scientist of the UK's Food and Drink Federation as Head of Communications;
- B. whereas EFSA is no stranger to this sort of overlap between private interests and public regulator, as demonstrated by the cases of Mr Moretto in 2011 (an EFSA pesticide inspector who was forced to resign after his links to a consultancy firm working for pesticide manufacturers were revealed) and of Ms Banati in 2012 (former Chair of the EFSA Management Board who left to join the International Life Sciences Institute, the largest agri-food lobbying organisation in the world);
- C. whereas this blatant lack of independence lends weight to the theory that EFSA is a Trojan horse for agri-food lobbyists, which would explain certain decisions that have largely favoured them, despite the warnings of national regulators;
- D. whereas EFSA refuses to reform its system to prevent conflicts of interest;
- 1. Demands that decisions on food safety be taken by national regulators until EFSA reforms its system for preventing conflicts of interest to guarantee complete transparency and independence in its operations.