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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on eliminating the practice of grinding down pigs' teeth

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on eliminating the practice of grinding down pigs' teeth

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas animal welfare associations have drawn attention to the practice of tooth grinding in a number of pig farms, a practice which causes the animals a lot of pain;
- B. whereas 25 million pigs are reared every year in France alone, primarily for their meat;
- C. whereas 95% of pigs are kept packed into overcrowded buildings, on slatted floors or in cramped conditions, and are not given enough space to behave normally;
- D. whereas these practices need to be abolished as a matter of urgency, especially given that other solutions exist;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to examine ways in which efforts to put a stop to the grinding of pigs' teeth could be incorporated into national animal welfare strategies.