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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on conditions on suckler cow farms

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on conditions on suckler cow farms**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas animal welfare organisations have drawn attention to unacceptable practices on certain suckler cow farms;
- B. whereas 4.2 million suckler cows are reared each year in France alone;
- C. whereas on some farms livestock housing is overcrowded or the cubicles are too small, meaning the suckler cows do not have enough space to permit natural behaviour;
- D. whereas these practices need to be abolished as a matter of urgency, especially given the existence of alternatives;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to give serious thought to the way in which the plight of suckler cows could be included in national animal welfare improvement strategies.