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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on iodine deficiency

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on iodine deficiency**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the World Health Organisation, 1.88 billion people worldwide, including in some Member States, are iodine deficient, i.e. they have a daily intake of less than 150 micrograms, despite having access to foods fortified with iodine, in particular salts;
- B. whereas iodine deficiency can lead to serious health problems such as mental or cognitive disabilities and even certain types of cancer;
- C. whereas the public policies that seek to reduce salt consumption to less than five grams per day and the frequent use of non-iodised salt by the agri-food industry are contributing to the rise in cases of iodine deficiency in developed countries, including in some Member States;
- 1. Urges the Commission to promote the use and consumption of iodised salt in the agri-food industry and amongst consumers, in particular through its public health framework programmes;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to support scientific research in this field in an effort to identify the best methods of fortifying foods with iodine.