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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on salt consumption in the EU

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on salt consumption in the European Union**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to the European framework on the reduction of salt consumption (2008),
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the abovementioned European framework, salt consumption is between 8 and 12 grammes per day in most Member States (2012), which is higher than the amount recommended by the World Health Organization (5 g/d);
- B. whereas this overconsumption leads to a high risk of cardiovascular diseases, which are responsible for 40% of the death rate in the Union, and whereas salt consumption that complies with the abovementioned recommendations would reduce the amount of strokes by 24% and coronary diseases by 18%;
- C. whereas approximately 80% of salt consumption comes from the food industry and that public policies to reduce this consumption should address this as a priority;
1. Encourages the Commission to further negotiations between representatives of the food industry and Member States to reduce the use of salt, by prioritising incentive policies;
  2. Further encourages the Commission to support research and to promote the use of solutions that substitute salt in processed food products.