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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on male infertility

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on male infertility**

*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 a survey carried out by the French Institute for Public Health Surveillance, the quality of French men's sperm deteriorated between 1989 and 2005 in terms of the sperm count and the number of abnormalities, with the percentage of normal morphology falling from around 60% in 1985 to 39.2% in 2005;
- B. whereas this trend has also been observed at European and global level, with a 1992 British study showing that, worldwide, sperm quality had fallen by 50% and seminal volume by 25% in 50 years;
- C. whereas, according to the Harvard Chan School of Public Health, the consumption of fruit and vegetables with high pesticide residues has led to a 49% drop in the sperm count and, whereas 30% to 80% of cases of male infertility are caused by oxidative stress resulting from exposure to free radicals;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to carry out a study into male infertility in Europe, taking into account in particular the influence of food and endocrine disruptors.