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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the development of plastic packaging from food industry waste

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the development of plastic packaging from food industry waste**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Articles 4, 11, 191 and 194 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, of the 5 million tonnes of packaging thrown away each year in France, 99% are not biodegradable;
- B. whereas plastic packaging, which contributes to the millions of tonnes of plastic waste reaching the oceans every year, should be replaced by biodegradable packaging;
- C. whereas French researchers at the Agropolymers and Emerging Technology Engineering laboratory (“laboratoire “Ingénierie des agropolymères et technologies émergentes””) have developed packagings which resemble plastic but are entirely biodegradable, made solely from food industry waste, thus avoiding the use of starch, which is obtained from food resources such as wheat, maize and potato;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to promote and supplement national awareness campaigns concerning the environmental risks of plastic packaging;
- 2. Also encourages the Commission to promote national action plans to reduce the quantities of plastic packaging in circulation;
- 3. Finally, urges the Commission to promote and coordinate research on new forms of biodegradable packaging.