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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on recycling and reusing Christmas trees

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on recycling and reusing Christmas trees

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 every year across Europe, millions of Christmas trees are thrown away after having been on display for just a few weeks and are not always recycled or reused;
- B. whereas they can, however, be used as a natural fertiliser, to prevent weeds growing or to improve water retention;
- C. whereas they can also act as barriers to slow the erosion of sand dunes on the ocean coastline, as demonstrated by the French Île de Ré project, where the sand has been contained and unofficial access points to the dunes have been blocked;
- D. whereas Christmas trees in pots can be replanted;
- E. whereas Christmas trees can also be used as firewood;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to promote and supplement national awareness campaigns on recycling and reusing Christmas trees;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to support research into new eco-friendly ways of reusing Christmas trees.