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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on protecting giraffes

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting giraffes

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 191 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas giraffes are a kind of mammal usually understood to be divided into nine subspecies and existing principally on the African continent;
- B. whereas, according to a resolution of 7 November 2016, the global giraffe population has fallen by 35% in the past 30 years, with just 97 562 individuals in 2015;
- C. whereas the International Union for Conservation of Nature has classified *Giraffa camelopardalis* as an endangered species;
- D. whereas this classification takes no account of a study of 8 September 2016 led by the Goethe University of Frankfurt, among others, of the mitochondrial DNA of 190 giraffes, which found that there are in fact four distinct species of giraffe;
- 1. Urges the Member States and the Commission to take part in efforts to review the protection status of the four species of giraffe mentioned above as ‘under threat’;
- 2. Urges the Member States to step up giraffe conservation programmes, in particular through the European Zoo and Aquarium Association, and calls on the Commission to support these programmes.