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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on bovine paratuberculosis

**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on bovine paratuberculosis**

*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 paratuberculosis is an incurable infection caused by ‘*Mycobacterium avium*’ and transmitted to bovines in utero or via an oral-faecal route;
- B. whereas the prevalence of paratuberculosis would seem to range from 3 % to 18 % in the United States (2006) and be very variable in Europe (from 7 % to 65 %, 2001) but this remains difficult to evaluate owing to a lack of surveillance systems;
- C. whereas several vaccines against paratuberculosis have been introduced, as a result of which the incidence of paratuberculosis on cattle farms has fallen (7.8 % to 1.8 %, Netherlands, 1994), as have mortality rates (90 %, Australia, 2006);
- D. whereas according to a study conducted, in particular, by Washington State University (United States) and published on 27 October 2016, there may be an association between bovine paratuberculosis and Crohn’s disease in humans;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to issue guidelines on bovine paratuberculosis and to set up an inter-European surveillance mechanism;
- 2. Encourages the Commission to support research into the link between bovine paratuberculosis and Crohn’s disease.