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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the environmental impact of wind farms

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the environmental impact of wind farms**

*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 the manufacture of wind turbines has a high energy cost and uses non-sustainable materials;
- B. whereas wind energy is variable, the blades only turning and when the wind is strong enough and stopping altogether when it is too strong;
- C. whereas wind turbines irreversibly detract from the landscape since, even if they are dismantled, the concrete foundations cannot be removed;
- D. whereas this is compounded by noise pollution caused by the wind whistling against the blades and the grinding of the rotors;
- E. whereas wind turbines interfere with electromagnetic waves (needed for the operation of radios, televisions and telephones) and can kill migratory birds that fail to spot the rotating blades;
- F. whereas offshore wind farms, which cannot be installed far from the coast owing to energy transmission losses, are a threat to the livelihood of coastal fishermen, driving away certain fish and disrupting the lives of mammals (such as seals and dolphins); whereas they are unsustainable owing to marine corrosion;
- 1. Calls on the European Parliament to publish a report on the environmental impact of wind farms.