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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the macroeconomic cost of pesticides

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution the macroeconomic cost of pesticides

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 substantial macroeconomic costs are being incurred through the use of pesticides arising from lower pollination levels, health costs, lower productivity of workers coming into in contact with pesticides and the need to regulate and monitor the use of these substances and decontaminate polluted areas, not to mention the additional cost of organic food purchased by households opposed to the use of pesticides;
- B. whereas the assessment of active substances under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 does not include a breakdown of the macroeconomic costs of pesticides;
- C. whereas the Commission is not in possession of a study thoroughly analysing the macroeconomic impacts of pesticide use as such, as indicated in answer to Written Question E-003152/2016 of 15 June 2016;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to produce a European study of the macroeconomic cost to society as a whole incurred by the use of pesticides.