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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133

on the diets of laboratory rats

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the diets of laboratory rats

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 a study carried out by researcher Gilles-Éric Séralini has revealed that the vivisections performed by various industrial groups over a number of years have been rendered meaningless by the diets of laboratory rats;
- B. whereas rat kibbles were found to contain pesticides, GMOs, dioxins and heavy metals, which not only have an effect on the health of the animals, but also have the potential to skew test results;
- C. whereas these findings constitute a major health scandal, and a study by the University of Minnesota published on 20 April 2016 has shown that, relatively speaking, there are fewer biological similarities between humans and laboratory rats than there are between humans and mice living in natural conditions;
- 1. Takes note of the European Food Safety Authority Opinion of 2 October 2015;
- 2. Encourages the Commission to carry out comprehensive research into laboratory rats and how they adapt to requirements of therapeutic research in particular.