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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the spread of the New Guinea flatworm

**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the spread of the New Guinea flatworm**

*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 the New Guinea flatworm, an invasive worm which has the potential to destabilise biological and environmental diversity, has been found in Florida (USA), putting the entire country at risk;
- B. whereas flatworms are not yet present on European soil, but that, according to researchers from the French Institute of Systems, Evolution and Biodiversity under the direction of Jean-Lou Justine, the introduction of an early warning mechanism is justified;
  1. Encourages the Commission to launch a flatworm monitoring programme and early warning mechanism and to classify flatworms as an exotic invasive species under Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014;
  2. Encourages Member States to adopt emergency measures pursuant to Article 10 of the above Regulation where necessary.