MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on food waste

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on food waste

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas, overall, around a third of the food produced for human consumption is wasted or lost, at huge cost to the economy and the environment;

B. whereas, according to Court of Auditors special report No 34/2016 on combating food waste, the EU has not taken sufficient action in this area to date and should strengthen its strategy on food waste;

1. Regards the Commission’s proposal to set up a platform on food waste as an ineffective response to this problem;

2. Believes closer alignment of existing policies, better coordination and a firm political target for reducing food waste to be necessary;

3. Calls on the Commission to draw up a plan of action for the coming years, laying down a clear definition of food waste, to take account of food waste in future impact assessments, with a view to aligning the EU’s various policies more closely, to identify and remove legal barriers to food donation and to raise awareness of current food donation options and assess how to facilitate donation in other sectors which can play a part in combating food waste.