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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on protecting cheetahs

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting cheetahs**

*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 there are four sub-species of cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) in Africa, and whereas it is thought that there are fewer than 50 individuals of the sub-species *Acinonyx jubatus venaticus* left in Iran;
- B. whereas, according to a study published by *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* on 21 November 2016, the world population of cheetahs now stands at 7 100, and whereas 77% of their habitat is unprotected, causing them to come into contact with traffic and livestock;
1. Welcomes the cheetah protection programmes carried in the countries they inhabit;
  2. Calls on the Member States to work with the countries cheetahs inhabit to set up more cheetah conservation programmes through the European Zoo and Aquarium Association, and calls on the Commission to support the programmes, ensuring that the animals have enough space to live in and are not exposed to the public any more than is necessary;
  3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support the re-classification of the cheetah (including all sub-species) as ‘endangered’ or ‘critically endangered’ on the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Red List of Threatened Species.