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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the use of Miscanthus in biofuel production

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the use of Miscanthus in biofuel production

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, for the purposes of its energy transition, the European Union has set a 10% threshold for biofuel use;
- B. whereas producing innovative second-generation biofuels entails the more efficient use of plants, and whereas it is important to make use of crops grown specifically to produce biofuels;
- C. whereas Miscanthus, a perennial plant from the *Poaceae* family, stands out by virtue of its high yield levels, which stem particularly from its type-C4 photosynthetic metabolism, and its high resistance to pests, and whereas these characteristics make it ideal for biofuel production;
- 1. Points out that the development of second-and third-generation biofuels must be accompanied by a guarantee that first-generation biofuel production plants in the EU can continue to operate;
- 2. Encourages the Commission and the Member States to support research programmes into the use of Miscanthus for biofuel production which are based in particular on the ‘Futurol’ programme model developed by the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA) in 2011.