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**Amendment 12**

**José Bové**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Joint motion for a resolution**

**PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE**

Outbreak of *Xylella fastidiosa* affecting olive trees

**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Recital I a (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ia. whereas, in a recent scientific opinion on the risk assessment of *Xylella fastidiosa*, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)<sup>1</sup> stated that ‘the intensive use of insecticide treatment to limit the disease transmission and control the insect vector may have direct and indirect consequences for the environment by modifying whole food webs with cascading consequences, and hence affecting various trophic levels. For example, the indirect impact of pesticides on pollination is currently a matter of serious concern (EFSA, 2013). In addition, large-scale insecticide treatments also represent risks for human and animal health’;*

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<sup>1</sup> EFSA Journal 2015;13(1):3989

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**Amendment 13**

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**Joint motion for a resolution**

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**Recital I b (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ib. whereas since the intricate details of the infection and transmission mechanisms of the pathology associated with the *Xylella fastidiosa* strains in question are not yet fully known, the precautionary principle should apply in dealing with this outbreak, and the most destructive and irreversible actions should be a last resort after a cascade of progressively less destructive measures;***

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**Amendment 14**

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**Joint motion for a resolution**

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**Recital I c (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ic. whereas inappropriate and irrational use of pesticides also provides favourable conditions for resistant bacteria to emerge due to the antimicrobial properties of the substances, and whereas loss of beneficial microbes leaves agro-ecosystems susceptible to the next waves of invasive pest attack;*

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**Amendment 15**

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Outbreak of *Xylella fastidiosa* affecting olive trees

**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4a. Considers that, given the extreme difficulty and low chances of controlling the spread of the disease once it is established, it is of fundamental importance to call a strict halt to the movement of plants proven to be hosts or potential hosts, from infected regions both outside and within the EU; considers, therefore, that total quarantine is essential for potentially infected material coming from infected zones, and that, accordingly, derogations under any conditions that carry the slightest risk are irresponsible, especially given the possibility of unreliable or dysfunctional control systems on both sides;*

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**Amendment 16**

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Outbreak of *Xylella fastidiosa* affecting olive trees

**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls for the implementation of phytosanitary measures to be carried out following a cascade principle so that the most destructive and irreversible measures are carried out last; following strict quarantine measures to stop movement of plant material from infected zones, the following measures would be applied step-wise before progressing to the next:***

***- physical methods, including selective pruning and burning of diseased branches;***

***- use of appropriate plant protection products approved for organic production, listed in Annex II to Regulation 889/2008;***

***- use of integrated pest management, including biological control;***

***- controlled precision application of pesticide on affected trees, i.e. no prophylactic or blanket use and no targeting of entire taxonomic classes of insect, only using substances proven to be effective, appropriate and approved for use in the EU, using the least destructive***

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*substances first; EFSA conclusions on risks and limited effectiveness of insecticide use should be specifically borne in mind; if used, these measures shall be backed up with rehabilitation of the agro-ecosystem, including soil;*  
*- grubbing-up shall only be used as an option of last resort;*

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**Amendment 17**

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**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Warns that this phytosanitary crisis must not be allowed to become a catalyst for farm restructuring and eliminating small farmers in the affected regions; insists further that the land where infected trees are found should remain as agricultural land, and should not be reclassified for other uses such as tourism or construction;***

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**Amendment 18**

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**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6b. Insists that aid should be granted to farmers for re-establishing stocks of olives and other affected tree crops, and that this should also cover rehabilitation of agro-ecosystems including the soil, as well as establishing robust biological diversity and, especially, ensuring genetic diversity of the planting stock that ideally includes resistance to or tolerance of the disease; considers that one of the aims of any aid granted should be to ensure balanced, biologically diverse agro-ecosystems and landscapes that are more resilient to future attacks;***

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