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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on products ‘Made in Italy’ and the leather industry: difficulties in procuring raw materials

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on products ‘Made in Italy’ and the leather industry: difficulties in procuring raw materials

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, alongside unfair competition, counterfeiting and the crisis in general, the Italian leather industry is now highlighting a new difficulty concerning the procurement of continental raw materials, which is subject to growing protectionism that is blocking 50 % of trade in raw materials;
- B. whereas 47 % of raw material available on the continent is extracted from the market by foreign competitors, particularly the Chinese, aided also by public funding, and whereas, although there is still demand from multinationals for leather products made in Italy, the industry has to refuse these orders owing to a lack of raw materials;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to urgently launch negotiations to regulate bilateral relations in such a way as to reopen the raw materials market and help it overcome competition, including unfair competition, from countries such as China.