MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on combating water pollution

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European Parliament resolution on combating water pollution

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas industries, on a daily basis, discharge pollutants in large quantities, causing damage to the entire aquatic ecosystem;

B. whereas polluted water, regardless of the source of pollution, re-enters the environment in one way or another (in particular in the sea and ground water) and can thus damage human health; whereas waste water, i.e. water whose quality has been adversely affected by human activity after being used in households, industries and agriculture, is not suitable for direct use, but we cannot afford to waste it or to disperse it in the environment;

C. whereas the recycling of waste water is a global problem, which is being tackled by the PURIFAST project and is summarised in the formula Uf + Us, i.e. 'ultrafiltration plus ozonation', the most advanced and cheapest technology for purifying and reusing water that has been polluted by industrial and civil discharges;

1. Calls on the Commission to consider more established technologies, such as ozonation (a system which harnesses the oxidising power of nitrogen to degrade organic compounds), which are equally effective and inexpensive, to combat the problem of water pollution.