MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on imports of leather from China

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The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas the Peta association in Asia recently uncovered the existence of a trade in dogs in China, the ultimate purpose of which is to produce leather;

B. whereas the slaughter of dogs is an intolerable idea for Europeans because our societies have developed a particular sensitivity towards these animals which means that no consumer would buy such a product if they knew how it was made;

C. whereas the dogs due to be slaughtered are caught individually, are hung by the neck using metal pliers and are then hit over the head, their throats are slit (at which point the dogs are in some cases still trying to breathe) and they are finally skinned;

D. whereas China is one of the world’s leading exporters of leather,

1. Considers that the Commission should ban imports of leather from China until such time as the Chinese authorities take measures to prevent the use of dogs in the production of leather.