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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the permanent exclusion of sugar and ethanol from negotiations on the free trade agreement with Mercosur

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the permanent exclusion of sugar and ethanol from negotiations on the free trade agreement with Mercosur

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report on the state of play of EU-Mercosur trade relations¹,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union, which imports almost a quarter of the sugar that it consumes, is one of the most open sugar markets worldwide;
- B. whereas the proliferation of bilateral agreements and of preferential trade frameworks is hindering the development of the sugar beet industry;
- C. whereas, from 2017 onwards, the sugar beet industry will have to endure the consequences of the abolition of sugar and isoglucose quotas and of the minimum price for sugar beet;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to permanently exclude sugar and ethanol from negotiations on the free trade agreement with Mercosur;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to review its proposal intended to grant Mercosur an import quota of 600 000 tonnes of ethanol at reduced rates of duty;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to put an end to the systemisation of tariff concessions granted by the European Union for sugar and ethanol in negotiations on bilateral free trade agreements;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Member States.

¹ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+TA+P7-TA-2013-0030+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN>