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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on supporting research into combating the plant pathogen *Xylella fastidiosa*
and protecting olive trees in the Mediterranean

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on supporting research into ways of combating the plant pathogen *Xylella fastidiosa* and protecting olive trees in the Mediterranean

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 11 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on protection of the environment,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2417 of 17 December 2015 provides for the grubbing-up of infected trees;
- B. whereas studies conducted by the EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) in Italy involving the treatment of olive trees with bioactive compounds and products containing zinc, copper and citric acid have shown promising results;
- C. whereas trials conducted by Belgian researchers using lactoperoxidase, an enzyme found in cows' milk, have also been encouraging;
- D. whereas olive growers have confirmed that contaminated olive trees can be saved if they are cut back properly;
- 1. Calls for special attention to be paid to protecting olive trees in the Mediterranean;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to step up support for research into combating *Xylella fastidiosa*;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Member States.