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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on whale and dolphin hunting on the Faroe Islands

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on whale and dolphin hunting on the Faroe Islands

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU has passed measures to protect cetaceans from being hunted, caught or kept in captivity, as well as against deliberate disturbance of their normal behaviour or commercial trading, including in products made from these animals which originate from non-EU countries;
- B. whereas the killing of cetaceans is continuing on the Faroe Islands;
- C. whereas children are allowed to watch the animals being killed and butchered;
- D. whereas mercury and toxins have been found in whale meat, which thus poses a serious risk to human health;
- E. whereas an average of 800 whales are killed each year, many more than are needed for human consumption;
- 1. Calls on the Commission, whilst acknowledging the legal autonomy of the Faroe Islands, and their inhabitants' traditions and dietary requirements, to open talks with Denmark and the Faroese authorities with a view to improving regulation of *grindadráp* (whale hunting), averting the risks to public health and eventually putting an end to this practice;
- 2. Calls on Denmark to use future spending on the Faroe Islands to promote the phasing-out of food products obtained through *grindadráp*.