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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the implementation of measures to strengthen the forestry and timber sector
and to promote sustainable forest management

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the implementation of measures to strengthen the forestry and timber sector and to promote sustainable forest management

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU Forest Strategy and the new strategic framework for forests post-2020 have a number of positive aspects;
- B. whereas forests today cover more than 40% of Europe’s land and provide jobs for more than three million people in the EU;
- C. whereas the forestry and timber sector is a strategic asset for investing in the circular economy;
- D. whereas the European Court of Auditors has made some recommendations in its Special Report No 13/2020 on biodiversity on farmland;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to step up its efforts to support agroforestry systems and arboriculture in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and to encourage farms to be more competitive on the international market by promoting local agricultural products;
- 2. Urges the Commission to increase appropriations for the prevention and repair of damage to forests caused by fires, disasters and weather events, and to take specific measures to strengthen the resilience of forest ecosystems.