MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on banning the production of tea bags containing plastic

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The European Parliament,

− having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas the European Union has restricted the placing on the market of certain single-use plastic products by 2021 and committed to reducing the consumption of others;

B. whereas relevant studies\(^1\) have found that steeping a plastic tea bag at a brewing temperature of 95 °C releases around 11.6 billion microplastic and 3.1 billion nanoplastic particles into a single cup of tea;

C. whereas most single-use tea bags available on the EU market are made of nylon and polyethylene terephthalate (PET);

D. whereas reusable metal containers and biodegradable and compostable alternatives to plastic tea bags exist and are already available on the EU market;

1. Considers that tea bags should not contain plastic and that reusable or, where not possible, biodegradable and compostable materials should be used instead;

2. Calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal to ban the placing on the EU market of tea bags containing plastic;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.