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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the protection of agricultural land

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the protection of agricultural land

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the EU soil strategy for 2030,
- A. whereas the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030 envisages reducing arable farmland by 10%;
- B. whereas the European Parliament's study on 'The challenge of land abandonment after 2020 and options for mitigating measures' foresees a further abandonment of 3 % of agricultural land by 2030;
- C. whereas, in the space of just one generation, Italy lost a quarter of its rural land, resulting in a drop in cereal and vegetable production of 2 534 000 quintals;
- D. whereas the unfair competition coming from China does not apply the same environmental and social sustainability and food safety standards as required of the EU's agricultural sector;
1. Urges the Commission to protect Italian and European agricultural heritage against desertification and adverse weather events;
 2. Calls on the Commission to take measures to better protect the European agricultural sector against unfair competition from countries outside of Europe whose record growth rates result from having far lower environmental and social sustainability and food safety standards than those required in the EU.