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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 50(5) of the Rules of Procedure by

- Robert William Sturdy and Albert Jan Maat on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Jan Mulder on behalf of the ELDR Group
- Caroline Lucas, Eurig Wyn and Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Sergio Berlato and Liam Hyland on behalf of the UEN Group
- Rijk van Dam on behalf of the EDD Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- EDD (B5-0548/2001),
- ELDR (B5-0555/2001),
- PPE-DE (B5-0563/2001),
- Verts/ALE (B5-0573/2001),
- UEN (B5-0580/2001),

on foot-and-mouth disease

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European Parliament resolution on foot-and-mouth disease

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas measures by the UK government to control foot-and-mouth disease have failed and whereas new outbreaks of FMD are appearing in England,
 - B. concerned about the lack of frontier controls on FMD by the UK and the lack of harmonisation of controls at ports and airports in the EU, which poses a high risk that FMD will again spread across frontiers,
 - C. whereas weather conditions in autumn and winter increase the risks of contamination,
 - D. noting the increasing risk of a spread of infectious diseases from imports into the EU, which means that all EU Member States must remain extremely vigilant,
 - E. having regard to the resolution on FMD in the European Union which the European Parliament adopted on 5 April 2001,
 - F. whereas public opinion might not approve of a further massive destruction of contaminated and suspect animals,
1. Requests the Council and Commission to make a statement at the earliest opportunity, in which the following questions should be dealt with:
 - 1.1 why the outbreak of FMD has lasted so long in the UK and has not been controlled until now and why the option of ring vaccination has not been used;
 - 1.2 what measures the Council and Commission intend to take to prevent and control the risks of FMD contamination inside the EU and with regard to outside border controls;
 - 1.3 what progress has been made in the development of new testing methods and marker vaccines and whether the Commission intends to speed up the development of these products;
 - 1.4 the direct costs to the Commission of the FMD outbreak to date and a cost-benefit analysis of various disease control approaches from the point of view of all rural stakeholders;
 - 1.5 what new budget lines the Commission foresees to combat and prevent possible future outbreaks;
 - 1.6 what action programme the Council and Commission propose to prevent and control FMD in future;

2. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council and Commission.

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