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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on support for the Italian and European fruit and vegetable sector

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on support for the Italian and European fruit and vegetable sector**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas before 2014, Russia imported fruit and vegetables from the European Union to the tune of some EUR 2.3 billion;
- B. whereas the embargo imposed by Russia in response to the EU sanctions has had negative effects on prices and, as a result, a severe impact on Italian and European fruit and vegetable producers;
- C. whereas fruit and vegetable exports from Italy slowed down significantly in 2018, declining by around 450 000 tonnes and more than 300 million in turnover; whereas, in particular, the quantity of fresh fruit fell by 16.2 % and its value by 11 %;
- D. whereas, in addition, many producers are concerned about difficulties in exporting fruit and vegetables to certain third countries, due to the presence of phytosanitary barriers;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to develop some support measures for the Italian and European fruit and vegetable sector;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to consider lifting the EU sanctions against Russia in order to reopen export channels for Italian and European fruit and vegetables with this important market;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to promote negotiations with third countries in order to open up new markets for Italian and European fruit and vegetables.