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Establishment of a maximum 8-hour journey limit for animals transported in the European Union for the purpose of being slaughtered

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Declaration of the European Parliament of 15 March 2012 on the establishment of a maximum 8-hour journey limit for animals transported in the European Union for the purpose of being slaughtered

(2013/C 251 E/23)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard its resolution of 5 May 2010 on the evaluation of the Animal Welfare Action Plan 2006-2010, ⁽¹⁾
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 acknowledges in its recitals that ‘the transport of animals over long journeys, including animals for slaughter, should be limited as far as possible’ but still allows very long transports in terms of distance and duration, causing animals severe distress, suffering and even death during such journeys;
1. Notes that the 8hours.eu petition calling for the establishment of a maximum 8-hour journey limit for animals sent for slaughter is supported by nearly one million Europeans;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to review Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 to establish a maximum 8-hour limit for the journeys of animals transported for the purpose of being slaughtered;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories ⁽²⁾, to the Commission and the governments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 81 E, 15.3.2011, p. 25.

⁽²⁾ The list of signatories is published in Annex 2 to the Minutes of 15 March 2012 (P7_PV(2012)03-15(ANN2)).

Introduction of the programme ‘Chess in School’ in the educational systems of the European Union

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Declaration of the European Parliament of 15 March 2012 on the introduction of the programme ‘Chess in School’ in the educational systems of the European Union

(2013/C 251 E/24)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 6 and 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in its Article 6, provides that sport is among the areas ‘where the Union shall have competences to carry out actions to support, coordinate or supplement the actions of the Member States’;

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- B. whereas chess is an accessible game for children from every social group and can help social cohesion and contribute to policy objectives such as social integration, combating discrimination, reducing crime rates and even the fight against various addictions;
- C. whereas whatever the age of the child, chess can improve children's concentration, patience and persistence and can develop the sense of creativity, intuition, memory, and analytic and decision-making skills; whereas chess also teaches determination, motivation and sportsmanship;
1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to encourage the introduction of the programme 'Chess in School' in the educational systems of the Member States;
 2. Calls on the Commission, in its forthcoming communication on sport, to pay the necessary attention to the program 'Chess in School' and to ensure sufficient funding for it from 2012 onwards;
 3. Calls on the Commission to take into consideration the results of any studies on the effects of this programme on children's development;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories ⁽¹⁾, to the Commission and to the Parliaments of the Member States.
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⁽¹⁾ The list of signatories is published in Annex 3 to the Minutes of 15 March 2012 (P7_PV(2012)03-15(ANN3)).