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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HERMAN

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the protection of migratory birds in the
Atlantic corridor

The European Parliament,

- whereas migratory birds and in particular waders, thrushes and larks, are being destroyed or captured in excessive numbers during their passage through the Atlantic corridor,
 - whereas the percentage of birds destroyed is substantial, with a consequent risk in the long term of a progressive reduction in the numbers of these species,
 - whereas there are differences between the laws of individual countries and whereas these laws are applied in different ways with different penalties,
 - whereas it is in the interest of all European citizens, regardless of their nationality, to enjoy the benefits of an environment where natural balances are maintained,
1. Requests the Commission to:
 - (a) take the initiative by undertaking a study of this problem and its recent development;
 - (b) propose to the Member States a procedure to harmonize laws in order to reduce the numbers of migrant birds destroyed or captured in the Atlantic corridor;
 - (c) take steps leading to the abolition of the hunting and capture of larks throughout the whole of Europe;
 - (d) keep Parliament informed of the action taken in response to this request;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission,