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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on European Cravat Day

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on European Cravat Day

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Europe is the birthplace of the cravat, the fashion for which which was spread by Croatian cavalrymen in the 17th century, and in 1643 Louis XIII established the 'Royal-Croates' regiment, which Louis XIV later renamed the 'Royal-Cravates' regiment;
- B. whereas the tie – an elegant strip of fabric characteristic of the uniform of Croatian soldiers at the French royal court – has in time become an indispensable item of clothing, gradually winning over Europe and the whole world;
- C. whereas for centuries the tie was characteristic of Europeans, namely people with a European spirit and values, and has gradually become a symbol of European fashion;
- D. whereas the tie is a symbol of dignity and celebration, respect and self-confidence, success and diplomacy;
- E. whereas there is already a tradition whereby each state holding the Presidency of the EU Council presents a tie at the beginning of their term, which means that the tie is even considered a symbol of the EU;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to establish a European Cravat Day in order to recognise this stylish item of clothing as an element of Europe's cultural heritage, identity, communication and design, with a view to maintaining and strengthening interpersonal links between Europeans, as well as their links with the rest of the world.