Amendment 1
Anja Hazekamp
on behalf of The Left Group

# Motion for a resolution Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

European Citizens' Initiative 'End the cage age'

Motion for a resolution Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the *high* animal welfare standards *already* in place in the EU, *which are among the highest in the world*, should be *acknowledged*;

Amendment

D. whereas the animal welfare standards in place in the EU should be *improved*;

Or. en

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Amendment 2 Anja Hazekamp on behalf of The Left Group Francisco Guerreiro on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

# **Motion for a resolution**

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**Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development** 

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### Motion for a resolution Recital G

G.

Motion for a resolution

whereas the proposed ECI refers to 'hundreds of millions of EU farm animals [...] kept in cages for most of their lives';

#### Amendment

whereas the proposed ECI refers to G. 'hundreds of millions of EU farm animals [...] kept in cages for most of their lives, causing great suffering';

Or. en

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Amendment 3 Anja Hazekamp on behalf of The Left Group Francisco Guerreiro on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. whereas the proposed ECI aims to improve animal welfare;

whereas the proposed ECI refers to I. cages that inflict suffering on enormous numbers of farm animals every year, which are cruel and unnecessary, as higher-welfare, cage-free systems are viable, and whereas it aims to improve animal welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 4
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on behalf of The Left Group
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Motion for a resolution Recital O a (new)

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Amendment

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whereas in the EU nearly 120 Oa. million rabbits a year are commercially farmed, almost all of which are confined to cages for their entire lives; whereas over 350 million laying hens a year are commercially farmed, almost half of which are kept in overcrowded cages with no more space than an A4 sheet of paper; whereas around 11 million sows a year have to give birth to and suckle their piglets in a cage; whereas millions of quail are kept in cages in which they are unable to perform their natural behaviours; whereas around 40 million ducks and geese a year are confined in cages throughout their lives for the production of foie gras; whereas around 20 million dairy calves are born every year, more than half of which are kept in small, individual pens away from their mothers;

Or. en

Amendment 5
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Motion for a resolution Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas any change in housing systems should achieve a balance between several aspects of sustainability, i.e. animal welfare, animal health, environmental protection *and farmers' competitiveness*;

#### Amendment

R. whereas any change in housing systems should achieve a balance between several aspects of sustainability, i.e. animal welfare, animal health *and* environmental protection;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Anja Hazekamp
on behalf of The Left Group
Francisco Guerreiro
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Motion for a resolution Recital U

Motion for a resolution

U. whereas before introducing any changes in housing systems, the costs of the required transformation both in the short and long term have to be assessed; whereas an impact assessment must take into account the needs of sectors according to animal species, including economic and sanitary issues;

#### Amendment

U. whereas *when* introducing *fully cage-free* housing systems, the costs *and benefits* of the required transformation both in the short and long term have to be assessed;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Anja Hazekamp
on behalf of The Left Group
Francisco Guerreiro
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Motion for a resolution Recital V

Motion for a resolution

V. whereas the shift in housing systems will *increase* the risk of animals spreading transmissible diseases *and* developing social stress due to dominance and competition, which affects their health and could increase the need for medication;

#### Amendment

V. whereas the shift in housing systems will *limit* the risk of animals spreading transmissible diseases, as keeping animals in close proximity to each other causes stress and increases the need for preventive medication such as antibiotics, allowing bacteria to adapt to the antibiotics and making them ineffective or less effective; whereas antibiotic-resistant bacteria from intensive livestock farming, such as MRSA, EHEC or ESBL bacteria, pose a serious threat to public health;

Or. en

Amendment 8
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Motion for a resolution Recital Y

Motion for a resolution

Y. whereas it should be recognised that *in some cases*, *some forms of cage* for housing *brings* more animal-welfare related benefits than negative effects for the animal concerned; whereas in any case *cages must be proportionate* to the *size of the animal housed and the purpose to be achieved*;

#### Amendment

Y. whereas it should be recognised that *cages* for housing *do not bring* more animal-welfare related benefits than negative effects for the animal concerned; whereas in any case *animals should no longer be adapted* to the *system, but the system should be adapted to animals' needs and behaviour instead*;

Or. en

Amendment 9
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## Motion for a resolution Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Asks the Commission's to provide *information* by 2022 *about its ongoing* Fitness Check of current EU animal welfare legislation;

#### Amendment

1. Asks the Commission's to provide *the results* by 2022 *of its* Fitness Check of current EU animal welfare legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 10
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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses the urgent need for EU legislation to end the inhumane practice of keeping and farming animals in cages in order to ban caged farming in the EU by 2027, in particular cages for laying hens, rabbits, pullets, broiler breeders, later breeders, quail, ducks and geese, farrowing crates and sow stalls, and individual calf pens;

Or. en