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on the trade in dog and cat furs

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Declaration on the trade in dog and cat furs

The European Parliament,

- A. concerned at the fact that, in recent years, the trade in dog and cat furs has steadily increased, especially in Asian countries,
 - B. whereas dogs and cats are not just domestic animals but also have close ties with human beings and are in many cases useful to people with disabilities (blindness, difficulties in walking, etc.),
 - C. concerned at the fact that consumers are not always aware that the products they buy are made from these furs,
 - D. whereas the United States has already prohibited imports of dog and cat fur products,
 - E. commending the Italian Government, which was the first European government to ban imports and the marketing of this type of fur,
1. Calls on the European Union
 - to prohibit all forms of marketing or importing of such furs,
 - to introduce legislation to protect these animals,
 - to adopt a plan for the provision of impounding and care services by public bodies, with a view to remedying the problem of stray animals;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Council and the Commission.