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- (f) effective and timely actions against those Member States who do not submit reports or do not fulfil their obligations to carry out controls and inspections;
- (g) the creation of a coordinated European Animal Welfare Network which, based on the experiences of the Pilot Project X/2012, will support information and education campaigns, evaluate the animal welfare requirements on the basis of the latest peer-reviewed scientific knowledge, and coordinate an EU system for the pre-testing of new technologies in line with existing programmes promoted by the Commission and its agencies and committees;
- (h) a structure for science-based sectoral legislation and non-legislative measures;
- (i) a review clause to allow the framework law to be regularly adapted to new scientific developments while respecting the need for legal certainty and taking into account the economic lifespan of the investments made;

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69. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

Establishment of an EU legal framework for the protection of pets and stray animals

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European Parliament resolution of 4 July 2012 on the establishment of an EU legal framework for the protection of pets and stray animals (2012/2670(RSP))

(2013/C 349 E/08)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the large number of petitions from EU citizens requesting the establishment of an EU legal framework for the protection of pets and stray animals (1613/2010, 1274/2011, 1321/2011, 1377/2011, 1412/2011 and others),
 - having regard to the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals (CETS No 125),
 - having regard to Rule 202(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Article 13 of the TFEU stipulates that, since animals are sentient beings, the Union and the Member States must pay full regard to their welfare requirements;
 - B. whereas there is no EU legislation for the protection of pets and stray animals, despite the fact that the EU's pet population is estimated at over one hundred million;
 - C. whereas the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals has not yet been signed by all Member States;
 - D. whereas pets and stray animals are victims of mistreatment and cruelty in many Member States, and whereas the petitioners mainly refer to Member States in southern and eastern Europe;

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1. Calls on the European Union and the Member States to ratify the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals and to transpose its provisions into national legal systems;
2. Calls on the Commission to put forward an EU legal framework for the protection of pets and stray animals, including:
 - rules for the identification and registration of animals,
 - stray animal management strategies, including vaccination and sterilisation programmes,
 - measures to promote responsible ownership,
 - the prohibition of unlicensed kennels and shelters,
 - the prohibition of the killing of stray animals without medical indication,
 - information and educational programmes in schools on animal welfare,
 - severe sanctions to be imposed on any Member State which fails to comply with the rules;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

Conclusions of the European Council meeting (28-29 June 2012)

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European Parliament resolution of 4 July 2012 on the June 2012 European Council meeting (2011/2923(RSP))

(2013/C 349 E/09)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the informal European Council meeting of 23 May 2012,
- having regard to the European Council meeting of 28-29 June 2012,
- having regard to Rule 110(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Welcomes the concrete steps taken by the European Council to face up to the eurozone crisis and its recognition of the need for a response that addresses both fiscal consolidation and growth; believes that the summit reflects the European Council's approach to the challenges Europe faces, aimed at a more balanced, economically effective and socially fair anti-crisis agenda;

2. Underlines the significance of the eurozone's agreement on important and substantial measures to break the vicious circle between banks and sovereign debt and to narrow the spreads among eurozone sovereign debt yields; welcomes, in this connection, the flexible and efficient use that could be made of the existing EFSF/ESM instruments for Member States meeting their Country Specific Recommendations and their other commitments, including the European Semester and the Stability and Growth Pact;