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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the danger to health potentially posed by Wi-Fi emissions

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the danger to health potentially posed by Wi-Fi emissions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC on the limitation of exposure to electromagnetic fields and microwaves,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas:

- according to the 2014 SCENIHR preliminary opinion (based on studies on the effects of exposure published since 2009), the evidence of an increased brain cancer risk has weakened, but it is still uncertain whether exposure might be associated with cancer of the ear and further research is therefore necessary in order to clarify the point;
- studies on childhood cancer and television transmitters do not suggest any causal link between cancer and exposure;
- studies should be conducted on the health effects of the growing use of Wi-Fi home zones and hotspots;
- the Council and Commission are called upon to assist Member States in the difficult task of balancing digital infrastructure development against the health effects;
- 1. Calls on the Council and Commission to provide the support necessary to enable Member States to:
 - expand risk-benefit analyses of Wi-Fi radiation exposure levels, using up-to-date data;
 - intensify research (in addition to the GERoNiMO project) into new means of transmission that will meet the requirements of long exposure time tests and be safe beyond all reasonable doubt, in order to protect the public more effectively.

