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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the labelling of energy drinks and caffeine-based drinks

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the scientific opinion issued by the European Food Safety Authority
 (EFSA) on 12 May 2015 on the safety of caffeine,
- having regard to the concerns expressed by the European consumers' organisation BEUC in a press release published on 27 May 2015,
- A. whereas consuming too much caffeine can be harmful to the central nervous and cardiovascular systems;
- B. whereas adolescents and young adults are particularly exposed to the risks inherent in the simultaneous consumption of alcoholic drinks and 'energy' drinks, given that caffeine reduces the feeling of drunkenness and thus makes people more likely to engage in dangerous activities, such as drunk driving;
- C. whereas energy drinks are claimed to improve physical performance, concentration or endurance;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to submit to it a proposal on the labelling of energy drinks with a view to banning 'positive' claims for such drinks and making consumers aware of the ways in which caffeine-based drinks and alcohol can interact;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

