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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on tackling counterfeit medicines

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on tackling counterfeit medicines

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the WHO, a counterfeit medicine is ‘a medicine which is deliberately and fraudulently mislabelled with respect to identity and/or source’;
- B. whereas experts estimate that 10% of medicines in the world are counterfeits;
- C. whereas counterfeit medicines are a danger to individual health and public health, increase infection rates and deprive not only inventors and manufacturers but also governments of revenue, and are therefore an obstacle to research;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to launch a comprehensive investigation into counterfeit medicines, promote a campaign to tackle counterfeiting and take all necessary and possible measures to tackle this trade;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.