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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on banning oxybenzone in cosmetic products

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning oxybenzone in cosmetic products**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas oxybenzone is used in cosmetic products, notably in sunscreens to counter ultraviolet rays;
- B. whereas a new study published on 20 October 2015 in the journal *Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology* confirmed the danger this substance presents to coral by acting as an endocrine disruptor and damaging the DNA of coral larvae, causing them to encase themselves in their own skeleton and die;
- C. whereas at least 10% of the world's reefs are facing high levels of exposure to oxybenzone;
- D. whereas coral protection is a matter of concern for the European Union on account of its (overseas) outermost and Mediterranean territories;
- E. whereas oxybenzone is also harmful to human health, and therefore the European Union has restricted its concentration in cosmetic products;
- 1. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to ban oxybenzone in cosmetic products;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.