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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on smoking among women and specific risks linked to maternity

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on smoking among women and specific risks linked to maternity

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 9% of women in the world smoke (250 million people), and whereas this figure is increasing, particularly among young women (WHO);
- B. whereas the number of deaths of women resulting from smoking is set to increase from 1.5 million per year now to 2.5 million in 2030;
- C. whereas, according to the WHO, one in ten European women smokes during pregnancy (17% in France and 19% in Scotland), and whereas smoking is linked to the risk of premature birth, infant death and reduced lactation;
- D. whereas, in addition, research carried out on 44 595 children by the University of Kyoto (Japan) and published on 22.12.2016 suggests that smoking when pregnant is likely to cause kidney problems in babies;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to investigate the reasons for the increase in smoking among women in Europe and introduce communication and information campaigns on the risks associated with smoking during pregnancy.