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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on smoking and psoriasis

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on smoking and psoriasis

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 psoriasis is an inflammatory disease of the skin that affects 3.36% of people in Europe, the majority of them Caucasians of northern European descent; whereas the fact that it is a chronic and incurable disease has a significant impact on the sufferer's social, emotional and personal life, resulting in serious psychological problems (9.7% of the 127 people who took part in a 1993 survey said they had suicidal thoughts);
- B. whereas, in addition to the possible causal link between excess weight and psoriasis, a number of epidemiological studies, in particular one conducted by Harvard Medical School (Nurses' Health Study, November 2007), show there to be a likelihood that smoking is one of the triggers of psoriasis;
1. Urges the Commission, with the assistance of the relevant EU agencies, to include a reference to the probable risk of psoriasis in its recommendations on smoking.