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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on suicide among doctors

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on suicide among doctors**

*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 in France the suicide rate for doctors (14%) is almost three times higher than that for the general population (6%) and whereas a similar trend is to be found in the United States, where 400 doctors commit suicide every year – a rate that is 70% higher for men and 250 to 400% higher for women than that for the general population;
- B. whereas difficult working conditions – doctors in France sometimes work 60-to-70-hour weeks – are one of the factors behind the high incidence of suicidal ideation in the profession;
  1. Urges the Commission and the Member States to set up collaborative platforms for doctors to promote well-being at work and provide an insight into why so many doctors commit suicide;
  2. Urges the Commission to issue guidelines on workplace health for doctors that draw attention, in particular, to the need for annual psychological check-ups.