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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on head lice and resistance to health products

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on head lice and resistance to health products

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 head lice (*Pediculus humanus capitis*) infections primarily affect schoolchildren, with a prevalence of 2 to 20% in French schools, and whereas these infections, in principle benign, are contagious and can lead to complications as a result of the itching they cause;
- B. whereas, according to research published on 11 July 2016 by the University of Massachusetts in the United States, which covered 48 of the federal states, 98% of head lice in 42 states presented genetic mutations making them resistant to most of the pesticides used to get rid of them, such as pyrethrins and pyrethroids, and whereas this resistance to treatment has also been observed in Europe;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to issue guidelines on the treatment of head lice, in particular by adopting a medical therapeutic approach to this infection.