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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the effects of nanoparticles from diesel exhaust on pregnant women and human fetuses

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the effects of nanoparticles from diesel exhaust on pregnant women and human fetuses

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 July 2016 the French National Institute for Agronomic Research (INRA) established, in a study using rabbits, that airborne nanoparticles from diesel exhaust can cross the placenta and enter the fetal bloodstream, leading, for example, to stunting if the exposure continues over time;
- B. whereas second-generation fetuses, in other words not exposed directly to the polluting emissions, are apparently also affected by such exposure, albeit to a lesser degree and with less severe consequences;
- C. whereas people in Europe are exposed on a regular basis to airborne fine particles in exhaust emissions, particularly from diesel engines;
- 1. Urges the Commission to gauge the extent to which exposure to nanoparticles from diesel exhaust entails a risk to pregnant women and human fetuses.