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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on trigeminal neuralgia

**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on trigeminal neuralgia**

*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 trigeminal neuralgia is a condition affecting the trigeminal nerve and causing sporadic bursts of chronic pain in the lower part of the face and whereas it affects one in 10 000 people annually;
- B. whereas, while the exact causes of the condition are unknown, it is likely that it can be triggered by changes in the myelin sheath around the nerve;
- C. whereas it can be treated only through the use of anticonvulsant medicines or by recourse to various types of surgical procedure including microvascular decompression, electrocoagulation and radiosurgery, the effectiveness of which is relative (radiosurgery has a 50% full success rate) and which can have serious side-effects, ranging from loss of feeling in the face to – in less than 1% of patients treated by decompression – deafness or death;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to support research to find an effective trigeminal neuralgia treatment or improve existing, especially surgical, treatments.