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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133

on aquagenic urticaria

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on aquagenic urticaria

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 urticaria is a condition episodically affecting around 20% of the population, but aquagenic urticaria is an extremely rare condition involving an allergic reaction causing urticaria to develop when the skin comes into contact with water, the severity of the urticaria being related to the duration and intensity of the exposure to water;
- B. whereas the causes of aquagenic urticaria are unknown but several research studies have linked it to immune dysregulation caused in particular by HIV or hepatitis C (1997) and to lactose intolerance (2002);
- C. whereas the treatment options for aquagenic urticaria are mainly limited to certain medicines, notably antihistamines, which seem to have been proved effective, but there is no preventive treatment available and this condition significantly inconveniences the people affected given the difficulty of limiting all contact with water;
- 1. Encourages the Commission, via the competent European agencies, to support research on aquagenic urticaria with a view to developing preventive treatment.