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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the rise of scurvy in developed countries

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the rise of scurvy in developed countries**

*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 scurvy is a rare disease caused by vitamin C deficiency, whose symptoms include muscular pain, bleeding gums and general fatigue;
- B. whereas, according to the UK's National Health Service, hospitalisations due to scurvy rose by 27% between 2009 and 2014, and whereas isolated individuals, the elderly and children with autism spectrum disorders are most at risk;
- C. whereas, according to an article published by the BBC on 22 January 2016, the rise in cases of scurvy is linked to the rise in cases of severe malnutrition and gout, a disease affecting one in 40 in the United Kingdom and which is also caused by nutrient deficiencies;
- D. whereas the increased prevalence of scurvy is evidence of deteriorating living conditions within certain social groups and highlights the lack of information available on eating a balanced diet;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to raise awareness among the European population of the importance of eating a balanced diet and, in particular, ensuring a daily intake of vitamin C.