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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the health risks related to the latest generation of contraceptives

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the health risks related to the latest generation of contraceptives

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, on 26 May 2015, a study on the latest generation of contraceptives led by researchers from the University of Nottingham showed that third- and fourth-generation contraceptive pills lead to an increased risk of thrombosis (a risk 1.5 to 1.8 times higher than that of previous pills);
- B. whereas, according to a Danish study (2011) as well as a study by the French health insurance department, taking said pills could double the risk of pulmonary embolism;
- C. whereas these findings show that frequent exposure to the substances contained in combined oral contraceptives carries ‘significantly higher risks’ than those in second- and third-generation pills;
- D. whereas oral contraception concerns 18% of women in developed countries;
- 1. Notes the research already carried out, in particular by the European Medicines Agency, on third- and fourth-generation pills;
- 2. Encourages the Commission to issue advisory guidelines and raise awareness among European women of the risks of using third- and fourth-generation contraceptive pills.