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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on depression

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on depression

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the European Pact for Mental Health and Well-Being of 13 June 2008,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas severe depression afflicts 6.9% of the world's population (or 350 million people) and the latest available statistics, for 2008, show that the proportion of Europeans reporting a depressive condition in a 12-month period ranges from 1% to 5.6% throughout the various EU Member States;
- B. whereas a study published on 5 December 2016, for which medical researchers at Cornell University (USA) analysed more than 1 100 MRI brain scans, identified four distinct sub-types of depression requiring specifically tailored treatment;
- C. whereas this medical advance should help to improve the treatment of depression – something which is a major challenge, given the impact of the condition on the social, professional and emotional lives of those afflicted by it;
1. Encourages the Commission to step up its framework programme for mental health and to support research into depression, building in particular on the findings outlined above.