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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the health risks associated with the use of solariums

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the health risks associated with the use of solariums

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, according to a recent study by the World Health Organisation, exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from solariums used for cosmetic purposes has led to an increase in the incidence of various types of skin cancer, and individuals are contracting these types of cancer at a younger age;
- B. whereas, since 2009 the International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified exposure to the UV radiation emitted by solariums as 'carcinogenic', and whereas this exposure has caused close to 500 000 cases of cancer in Europe, the USA and Australia;
- C. whereas the use of solariums brings with it other health risks, such as burns, accelerated skin ageing, inflammation of the eyes and a weakened immune system;
- Calls on the Commission to promote initiatives designed to raise consumer awareness
 of the health risks associated with the use of solariums and of the need to use them for
 medical purposes only;
- 2. Asks the Commission to encourage the introduction of restrictions on the use of solariums on the basis of age, skin type, exposure time and even the state of health of the individual concerned.



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