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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on patients' rights in the area of immunization

**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on patients' rights in the area of immunization**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the French Government has announced that it would like to make eleven vaccines obligatory for children below two years of age, thus making France one of the most restrictive European countries in this area;
- B. whereas, under Article L 3116-4 of the French Public Health Code, the refusal to submit, or to submit those on whom parental authority or legal guardianship is exercised, to the obligations regarding vaccination shall be punished by six months' imprisonment and a fine of EUR 3 750;
- C. whereas fifteen Member States impose no obligations on their citizens as regards vaccination; whereas some even provide for a right to conscientious objection and whereas these countries, nonetheless, have satisfactory immunization coverage rates;
- 1. Calls, with regard to the area of immunization, on the Commission to uphold Articles 3, 7 and 10 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the precautionary principle in cases of serious risk of side effects of certain vaccines;
- 2. Urges it to encourage Member States to act primarily on the root causes of the renewed outbreaks of certain diseases in Europe and to focus on education rather than coercion.