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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on establishing gender medicine as a subject of university studies

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European Parliament resolution on establishing gender medicine as a subject of university studies

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas earlier resolutions have highlighted the biological and physiological differences between men and women;

B. whereas medical testing and scientific research committees have been focusing attention on that subject;

C. whereas health care institutions and universities in all the Member States have been carrying out numerous studies with a view to preventing, treating, and eradicating certain types of tumours and cardiovascular diseases that affect men and women in different ways;

D. whereas research commissioned by the Italian National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità) has revealed the extent to which troubles within the family or in personal relationships adversely affect women's physical and mental state;

E. whereas the Italian Parliament, by adopting a motion to that effect, has recently undertaken to increase funding for gender research, bearing in mind that more and more universities are exploring this complex field in greater depth;

1. Calls on the Commission to earmark a specific source of funding for universities and health care institutions in all Member States involved in gender medicine research and in publicising the findings, the aim being to establish gender medicine in its own right, alongside all the other subjects of study.