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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on safeguarding EU citizens against the marketing of counterfeit medicines

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on safeguarding EU citizens against the marketing of counterfeit medicines

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas statistics show that counterfeit medicines account for 10% of all medicine sales worldwide, and in regions such as South America that percentage is estimated to be between 20% and 30%;
- B. whereas Europol recently stated that it has identified approximately 10 000 illegal online pharmacy websites;
- C. whereas counterfeit medicines are dangerous, and the attractive prices applied by these online pharmacies are reflected in the health cost to those buying such products;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to safeguard EU citizens against the marketing of counterfeit medicines, to ensure the strict control of online pharmacies and to provide guarantees as to the origin and quality of the medicines they market;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to launch Europe-wide information campaigns to warn and safeguard EU citizens against counterfeit medicines, particularly those marketed by online pharmacies;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to take steps, including legislative measures, to ban the advertising of uncertified medicines;
- 4. Calls on the Commission to regulate the operation of online pharmacies in the EU, including by requiring them to have a qualified certificate for website authentication, as set out in the proposal for a Regulation on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market.