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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on protection against smartphone app-related threats to privacy

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protection against smartphone app-related threats to privacy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas personal privacy is becoming increasingly constrained as a result of the invasiveness of new technologies, including apps for smartphones;
- B. whereas privacy is an individual right upheld by the European Union, as is illustrated by the stance adopted vis-à-vis the United States by the President of the European Parliament and the High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission in connection with the allegations of US spying on the EU;
- C. whereas many of the software applications that people use every day, such as apps for smartphone, record information on users' habits, preferences and movements;
- D. whereas many people are not sufficiently familiar with modern technologies to be aware of how invasive they may be and able to take the steps necessary to prevent information on their behaviour from being recorded without their knowledge;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to look into the possibility of consulting the major IT firms with a view to determining the exact scale and risks of privacy invasion;
- 2. Calls on the Commission also to bring forward proposals for rules requiring IT firms and app suppliers to draw users' attention to the privacy risks involved in using certain technologies and to introduce features enabling even the most technologically unsophisticated users to protect their own privacy.