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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the thalidomide scandal and the health care requirements of surviving victims in Europe

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the thalidomide scandal and the health care requirements of surviving victims in Europe**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in the 1950s and 1960s, the thalidomide drug was made available to pregnant women in various European countries on prescription and over the counter as a remedy for morning sickness; whereas it caused the birth of at least 20 000 disabled children, while a further 100 000 were stillborn;
- B. whereas around 4 000 thalidomide victims have survived in Europe, defying expert medical opinion at the time, and are leading independent lives;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to raise awareness of the thalidomide scandal among Member State governments, so as to secure full recognition of the health care requirements of surviving victims in Europe and thereby guarantee them fair treatment and quality of life.