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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on mandatory use of validated alternatives in animal testing

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on mandatory use of validated alternatives in animal testing

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for experimental and scientific purposes still allows more than 12 million animals to be sacrificed each year for testing purposes in scientific research, toxicological testing, and production and quality control in human and veterinary medicine;
- B. whereas, however, scientists have demonstrated that animal testing causes pain and suffering, and is scientifically unreliable since a given species cannot be used as a model or basis for extrapolation for any other species;
- C. whereas the European Union follows the principle of the 3Rs in animal testing – replacement, reduction and refinement – and whereas this principle should be strengthened horizontally;
- D. whereas there are reliable alternatives to animal testing that have been validated by the European Union Reference Laboratory for Alternatives to Animal Testing (EURL ECVAM), and yet are not generally accepted by companies and researchers;
- 1. Calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States and stakeholders, to accelerate validation and make the use of validated alternatives to animal testing mandatory so as to achieve a significant reduction in, and complete phasing out of, animal testing in the European Union, thereby preventing further pain and suffering of animals.