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pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure on the security of video-conferencing apps in the EU

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the security of video-conferencing apps in the EU

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent measures that many EU countries introduced to restrict people's movements have triggered a surge in the use of video-conferencing apps;
- B. whereas the video-conferencing platform Zoom reported a large increase in users during the lockdown, including private individuals, companies, public bodies, education establishments and government authorities;
- C. whereas Zoom has recently experienced data privacy issues, allowing video-calls to be routed through servers in China;
- D. whereas Chinese cybersecurity legislation gives Chinese authorities the right to access the contents of servers based in the country, and whereas this gives rise to privacy and digital security concerns;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to consult with the other institutions to find ways of improving the level of data privacy and security of the video-conferencing apps used within the Union and the EU institutions themselves.

