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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on creating a European compensation fund for victims of the 'COVID-19 vaccines'

- Comirnaty (Pfizer, BioNTech)
- Janssen COVID-19 vaccine
- Spikevax (Moderna)
- Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca)

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on creating a European compensation fund for victims of the 'COVID-19 vaccines'

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has already recorded around a million cases of people experiencing adverse reactions from the COVID-19 vaccines:
 - 435 779 due to the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine,
 - 373 285 due to the AstraZeneca vaccine.
 - 117 243 due to the Moderna vaccine,
 - 27 694 due to the Janssen vaccine¹;
- B. whereas these adverse reactions are sometimes severe; whereas around 75 000 people suffered from serious neurological effects as a result of taking the Pfizer vaccine;
- C. whereas the EMA states that around 5 000 people have died in the EU as a result of taking the COVID-19 vaccines:
 - 4 198 due to the Pfizer vaccine²,
 - 1 053 due to the AstraZeneca vaccine.
 - 392 due to the Moderna vaccine,
 - 138 due to the Janssen vaccine;
- D. whereas the European Commission negotiated the purchase contracts and did not wish for the pharmaceutical companies to incur any liability; whereas MEPs were not granted access to the contracts during the negotiations;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to create a European compensation fund for victims of the COVID-19 vaccines;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Member States.

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¹ Statistics from 18 September 2021 https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/pharmacovigilance/eudravigilance; https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-ubst.html#

² Statistics from 29 July 2021 https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/covid-19-vaccine-safety-update/covid-19-vaccine-safety-update-comirnaty-11-august-2021 en.pdf

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