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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the EU-wide joint purchasing of medicines to reduce unacceptable price differences between countries for the same medicines

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the EU-wide joint purchasing of medicines to reduce unacceptable price differences between countries for the same medicines

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 4(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas, according to Eurostat, EU Member States spend around 11% of their GDP on healthcare;

B. whereas the price of a medicine from the same manufacturer with the same active substance can vary by a factor of up to 10 times in different EU countries;

C. whereas there is no economic justification for the unacceptable differences in the prices of medicines in different EU countries;

D. whereas internal competition is not able to prevent inefficiencies in the internal market due to the potential for easy monopolisation and limited choice;

E. whereas EU citizens are already poorer as a result of increased energy prices and inflation;

1. Calls on the Commission to develop a strategy for a common policy on the production, purchase and sale of medicines within the EU, ensuring fair prices for consumers and eliminating unacceptable price differences.