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to the Commission**

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Subject: Particularly high number of women suffering side effects after COVID-19 vaccinations

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) collects data on the side effects of authorised COVID-19 vaccines. It is noticeable that with all these vaccines, women suffer much more frequently from side effects than men do. Depending on the vaccine, the number of female patients experiencing side effects varies between 70.6 and 77.5 % after vaccination.

In its report (2020/2121 (INI))¹, the European Parliament noted that women are particularly affected by the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic and the government-mandated coercive measures.

It is noticeable that women suffer more frequent side effects as a result of the vaccination strategy favoured by the Commission to combat the crisis.

The Commission believes that equality can be achieved by means of gender quotas in all spheres.

To what extent will there be a response to the fact that significantly more women than men suffer side effects?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2020-0229_EN.html