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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Promoting alternatives to animal testing in EU agencies

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is responsible for determining the hazardousness of chemicals based on data provided by companies listed in the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

As such, in a resolution of 10 July 2020 on the chemicals sustainability strategy<sup>1</sup>, and then in a resolution of 29 April 2021 on the 2019 ECHA discharge<sup>2</sup>, MEPs clearly called on the agency to take action to reduce the number of tests on animals and replace them with new methods.

MEPs also called for a team to be set up within ECHA to focus exclusively on the protection of animals and the promotion of alternatives to animal testing.

However, ECHA's Executive Director, during a debate in the Committee on Budgetary Control on 7 January 2021, stated that he had not responded to Parliament's request to reduce animal testing.

Will the Commission make representations to ECHA to take action to promote alternatives to animal testing?

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<sup>1</sup> P9\_TA(2020)0201.

<sup>2</sup> P9\_TA(2021)0194.

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