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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Legal Affairs

with recommendations to the Commission on the framework of ethical aspects
of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Legal Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Believes that any ethical framework should seek to respect human autonomy, prevent harm, promote fairness, and respect the principle of explicability of technologies;
2. Stresses the importance of developing an “ethics-by-default and by design” framework which fully respect the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, Union law and the Treaties;
3. Considers that the Union legal framework will need to be updated with guiding ethical principles; points out that, where it would be premature to adopt legal acts, a soft law framework should be used;
4. Is of the opinion that effective cross- border cooperation and ethical standards can be achieved only if all stakeholders seek to ensure human agency and oversight, and respect the established principles of privacy and data governance, transparency and accountability;
5. Calls for a horizontal approach, including technology-neutral standards that apply to all sectors in which AI could be employed; calls on the Union to promote strong and transparent cooperation and knowledge-sharing between the public and private sectors to create best practices;
6. Stresses that the protection of networks of interconnected AI and robotics must prevent security breaches, cyber-attacks and the misuse of personal data;
7. Notes that AI and robotic technology in the area of law enforcement and border control could enhance public safety and security; stresses that its use must respect the principles of proportionality and necessity;
8. Stresses that AI and robotics are not immune from making mistakes; considers the need for legislators to reflect upon the complex issue of liability in the context of criminal justice.