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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on safety checks on medical apparatus

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The European Parliament,

- whereas hospitals have in recent decades developed in structure to become highly specialized technical undertakings with the most modern equipment, so that many dangerous substances and extremely complicated medical apparatus are now to be found under one roof;
 - whereas there has been a large increase in the risk of accidents and medical complications due to the failure or malfunctioning of medical apparatus and/or the faulty operation of that apparatus, with all the attendant financial, social and psychological consequences;
 - whereas the great diversity of medical apparatus and its often inefficient use make heavy demands on the sickness funds and/or social security systems of public health services;
 - whereas part of the Community's task is to take measures to remove technical barriers to trade and to protect the consumer and patient;
1. Expresses its opinion that measures must be taken as soon as possible to protect the consumer, patient and the worker in the health care sector;
 2. Considers that European type approval for medical apparatus and a procurement policy by the health care institutions based thereon would further the cause of safety and could produce savings;
 3. Requests the Commission to prepare a proposal to this effect and to submit it to the Council of Ministers.