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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure on improving firefighters' working conditions

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on improving firefighters' working conditions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 91, 114, 115, 151, 153 and 352 of the TFEU,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas fire brigades play an indispensable role throughout the European Union, particularly in the light of a climatic context in which fires happen increasingly frequently;
- B. whereas firefighters operate in extremely difficult environments and are exposed on a daily basis to highly carcinogenic combustible and chemical substances;
- C. whereas that exposure can have a serious impact on the health and well-being of firefighters in the short and long term;
- 1. Takes the view that, to better protect firefighters, their families and the civilian population, a European register should be set up to collect data on occupational diseases developed by category;
- 2. Considers it crucial that the Commission, together with the Member States, take swift action to draw up legislative and non-legislative proposals to protect the health and safety of firefighters;
- 3. Calls for more investment, including in research, to ensure that firefighters have modern personal protective equipment that can protect their health and safety at work.

