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EUROPEAN RESOLUTION

*on the European Union coordination of the
national measures to manage the health crisis*

*Is considered as final, pursuant to Article 151-7 of the Rules of
Procedure, the resolution which reads as follows:*

See number: **4329**.

Single Article

The National Assembly,

Having regard to Article 88-4 of the Constitution,

Having regard to Article 151-5 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly,

Having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to decision No. 1082/2013/UE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No. 2119/98/EC,

Having regard to Information Report No. 3381 issued by the European Affairs Committee of the National Assembly, October 2020, on the actions of the European Union faced with the Covid-19 pandemic,

Having regard to the communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 11 November 2020 "Building a European Health Union: reinforcing the EU's resilience for cross-border health threats" (COM[2020] 724 final),

Having regard to the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 November 2020 on a reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices (COM[2020] 725 final),

Having regard to the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 November 2020 on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No. 1082/2013/EU (COM[2020] 727 final),

Having regard to the communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 25 November 2020 "Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe" (COM[2020] 761 final),

Having regard to the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 March 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to facilitate free movement during the Covid-19 pandemic (Digital Green Certificate) (COM[2021] 130 final),

Having regard to the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 March 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to third-country nationals legally staying or legally residing in the territories of Member States during the Covid-19 pandemic (Digital Green Certificate) (COM[2021] 140 final),

Having regard to the joint communication to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 10 June 2020, “Tackling Covid-19 disinformation – Getting the facts right” (JOIN[2020] 8 final),

Having regard to the communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 15 June 2021 “Drawing early lessons from the Covid-19 pandemic” (COM[2021] 380 final),

Having regard to the conclusions of the European Council of 24 and 25 June 2021,

Considering that the Covid-19 outbreak has severely tested the healthcare systems of Member States and that EU intervention during the crisis has shown its limits, particularly in the field of healthcare;

Considering that the health crisis is still underway and that the lessons to be drawn remain provisional at this stage;

Considering that the early lessons of the crisis presented by the European Commission in its communication of 15 June are appropriate;

Considering that it is necessary to strengthen the resilience of the European Union in the face of crises, which implies developing European strategic autonomy and consolidating the European Health Union as soon as possible;

Considering that unilateral decisions taken by Member States in times of crisis seriously disrupt the way of life in the European Union, particularly in cross-border basins;

Considering that European Union intervention is more effective when it is well-coordinated and united;

Considering that the European vaccination strategy had enabled 57% of the adult population in the Union to receive at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine as of 21 June 2021;

Considering that the European Union is the only democratic area to have exported vaccines produced on its territory to third countries throughout the crisis;

1. Calls for the European vaccination campaign to be sped up so as to limit the spread of the virus and its variants;
2. Calls for, as of now and at each new stage of the crisis, whether through its various manifestations (affected populations, new variants, etc.) or the decisions taken (in terms of prevention, vaccination, containment measures or limitation of human and social activities, etc.), an exhaustive assessment of the actions undertaken to identify and share best practices, so as to facilitate crisis preparation;
3. Calls for a detailed study on the European health surveillance system and for updating national plans to strengthen their interoperability so as to improve preparedness and facilitate crisis management;
4. Suggests the creation of crisis preparedness plans specific to cross-border areas which would be designed and implemented at the relevant scale for each territory, in order to limit the obstacles to daily trade in these basins, particularly to cross-border work;
5. Welcomes the proposals issued on 11 November 2020 by the European Commission to strengthen the European Health Union, which would carry on the ad hoc measures that worked well during the crisis;

6. Supports the strengthening of the mandates of the health agencies, which must be the guarantors of independent reflection and action within the European Union, and calls for a wider development of their communication to make their activities more readable and accessible to European citizens;
7. Supports the creation of the new Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA), a permanent health agency responsible for strengthening the Union's collective response capacity, including through public-private research partnerships ;
8. Stresses that adequacy between the means and the missions entrusted to the HERA is necessary and calls for its governance to be subject to a regularly assessed obligation of results;
9. Suggests that the budget of the EU4Health program be subject to regular evaluation, including by national parliaments;
10. Hopes that the links between European nursing staff will be reinforced through merged training programs, which could take the form of exchanges on best practices, common training regularly adapted as scientific knowledge progresses or even study visits for nursing staff based on the existing model for doctors;
11. Calls for the creation of a European emergency health reserve made up of medical and nursing staff as well as a coordinated European system for the distribution of medicines and patient transport;
12. Suggests adopting a common approach for tackling the manipulation and spreading of false health information, which ultimately poses a public health problem at the European level;
13. Calls for the adoption of a new research approach which must be considered as a long-term investment and not a cost, along the following lines: increased support for fundamental research, more synergies between public research, private innovation and production, so as to make up for European sluggishness in this area. Requirements in the evaluation of public expenditure must also be more stringent, helping Europe to assert its place as a major international player in this field;

14. Supports strengthening links across the European scientific community through the sharing of best practices and the implementation of joint clinical trials;
15. Calls for the creation of a European-wide cloud for health data to facilitate the sharing of information and scientific knowledge, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR);
16. Welcomes the European Commission's proposals to develop European strategic autonomy, facilitated by the new pharmaceutical strategy, the objective being to strengthen resilience inside the zone and limit the fragmentation of value chains;
17. Supports the relocation of strategic health supply chains where possible;
18. Calls for solidarity to continue being a constitutive element of relations between Member States and with third States, by maintaining the vaccine export policy that the European Union has pursued throughout the crisis and via continued support for the international vaccine alliance;
19. Calls for the creation of a European solidarity mechanism to finance screening tests and vaccinations for people in precarious situations;
20. Supports a possible amendment to the treaties as part of the Conference for the Future of the Union, in order to clarify and explicitly strengthen European competences in health matters, which are currently spread across treaties;
21. Invites the French Government to take all useful initiatives based on the proposals in this resolution, during the Conference for the Future of Europe and during the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2022, with a view to strengthening the European Health Union.

Paris, 25 August 2021.

President,

Signed: RICHARD FERRAND



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