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COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS

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Draft motion for a resolution

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Use of Cannabis for medicinal purposes
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Amendment 1

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD
Compromise amendment replacing AMs 36, 37, 38, 41 and covering AMs 36-41

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Stresses the need for the*** Commission and national authorities to draw a clear distinction between medical cannabis and other applications of cannabis;

Amendment

1. ***Calls on*** the Commission and national authorities to ***work together to provide a legal definition of medical cannabis, and to*** draw a clear distinction between: ***cannabis-based medicines approved by the EMA or other regulatory agencies***, medical cannabis not supported by clinical trials, and other applications of cannabis (***e.g. recreational or industrial***);

Or. en

Amendment 2

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD
Compromise amendment replacing and covering AMs 44, 45, 46

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that research on ***medical*** cannabis has been underfunded and should be properly addressed under the next Framework Programme 9;

Amendment

2. Considers that research on ***the potential benefits of medicines derived from cannabis and on cannabis at large*** has been underfunded and should be properly addressed under the next Framework Programme 9 ***and under national research programmes to explore, among others, the possible uses of THC, CBD, and other cannabinoids for medical treatment, as well as their effects on the human body, including lessons drawn from the experience of off-label prescribing of cannabis***;

Or. en

Amendment 3

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD
Compromise amendment replacing and covering AMs 47, 48, 49

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission and Member States to address the regulatory and financial barriers which weigh on scientific research in the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and Member States to address the regulatory, financial **and cultural** barriers which weigh on scientific research in the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes and **on research on cannabis at large; further calls on the Commission and Member States to define the proper conditions to enable creditable, independent scientific research, based on a wide range of material, to be conducted on the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes;**

Or. en

Amendment 4

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD
Compromise amendment replacing and covering AMs 54, 55, 56

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Commission to develop a comprehensive strategy to ensure the highest standards for the research, development, authorisation, marketing, pharmacovigilance and avoidance of abuse for **cannabis-based medicines**; emphasises the need for standardisation **and unification** of products containing Cannabis-based medicines;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to develop a comprehensive strategy to ensure the highest standards for **independent** research, development, authorisation, marketing, pharmacovigilance and avoidance of abuse of **products derived from Cannabis**; emphasises the need for standardisation and unification of products containing Cannabis-based medicines;

Or. en

Amendment 5

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing AMs 61, 62, 64, 65 and covering AMs 61-65

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on Member States to **encourage increased knowledge among medical professionals regarding the use of such cannabis-based medicine and consider allowing** doctors to freely use their professional judgement to prescribe **cannabis and** cannabis-based medicines to patients with relevant conditions, and allow pharmacists to lawfully honour those prescriptions; highlights the need for training and access to literature for medical staff - medical students, medical doctors and pharmacists;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to **provide** medical professionals **with proper medical training and encourage increased knowledge on medical cannabis based on independent and wide-ranging research; further calls on Member States to** allow doctors to freely use their professional judgement to prescribe **regulatory-approved** cannabis-based medicines to patients with relevant conditions, and allow pharmacists to lawfully honour those prescriptions; highlights the need for training and access to literature for **all** medical staff - medical students, medical doctors and pharmacists - **on the results of independent scientific research;**

Or. en

Amendment 6

PPE, ECR, ALDE

Compromise amendment covering and replacing AMs 66 and 67

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to work with Member States to improve equal access to **medicinal cannabis** and ensure that **medical cannabis**, where allowed, **is** covered by health insurance schemes as is the case for other **medicinal products**. Asks Member States to provide safe and equal choice for patients between different types of cannabis-based medicine, while

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to work with Member States to improve equal access to **cannabis-based medicines** and ensure that, where allowed, **medicines which are effective in treating specific conditions are** covered by health insurance schemes as is the case for other **medicines**. Asks Member States to provide safe and equal choice for patients between different types of cannabis-based medicine, while ensuring that patients

ensuring that patients are accompanied by specialised medical professionals during their treatment;

are accompanied by specialised medical professionals during their treatment;

Or. en

Amendment 7

PPE, ECR, ALDE

Compromise amendment covering and replacing AMs 72-73

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on Member States to secure sufficient availability of ***safe and controlled cannabis for medicinal purposes*** to cater for the actual needs; be it ***by local production*** in Member States or ***by imports***;

Amendment

9. Calls on Member States to secure sufficient availability of ***cannabis-based medicines*** to cater for the actual needs be it ***by means of production according to medical standards*** in the Member States or ***possibly of imports complying with the national requirements for cannabis-based medicines***;

Or. en

Amendment 8

PPE, ECR, ALDE

Compromise amendment covering AMs 78, 79, 80, 81, 82 and covering AMs 77-82

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Underlines how a comprehensive regulation of ***medical cannabis*** would translate ***in*** additional resources for public authorities, would limit the black market ***for medical cannabis consumption***, would help control points of sale, would limit the access of this substance to minors and would ***give*** a legal and safe access to patients for its medicinal use - with

Amendment

10. Underlines how a comprehensive and ***evidence based*** regulation of ***cannabis-based medicines*** would translate ***into*** additional resources for public authorities, would limit the black market, ***ensure quality and accurate labelling to*** help control points of sale, would limit the access of this substance to minors and would ***ensure legal certainty*** and safe access to patients for its medicinal

particular precautions for young people and pregnant women;

use - with particular precautions for young people and pregnant women;

Or. en

Amendment 9

PPE, ECR, ALDE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing AMs 5, 6, 8 and covering AMs 5-10

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas ***Cannabis*** products that are used for medicinal purposes are broadly referred to as “medical cannabis”;

Amendment

C. whereas products ***derived from Cannabis*** that are used for medicinal purposes are broadly referred to as ‘medical cannabis’; ***whereas this term is largely undefined from a legal point of view and it remains ambiguous and open to interpretations; whereas the term ‘medical cannabis’ should be distinguished from Cannabis-based medicines which have undergone clinical trials and are regulatory approved;***

Or. en

Amendment 10

PPE, ECR, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing and covering AMs 11 and 12

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas EU countries differ widely in their legislation ***with respect to*** cannabis for ***medicinal*** purposes, ***as well as allowed quantities of medicinal cannabis and*** maximum levels of THC and CBD concentrations;

Amendment

E. whereas EU countries differ widely in their ***approach to cannabis legislation, including the*** legislation ***on*** cannabis for ***medical*** purposes, ***for example on the*** maximum levels of THC and CBD ***allowed*** concentrations; ***which can lead to***

difficulties for countries applying a more prudent approach;

Or. en

Amendment 11

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD
Compromise amendment replacing AMs 15-16 and covering AMs 15-17

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the policy landscape for medical cannabis *and general attitude to cannabis* is evolving both in the EU and worldwide;

Amendment

G. whereas the policy landscape for medical cannabis is evolving in the EU and worldwide; *whereas there is still misunderstanding around the different uses of cannabis even among national administrations, often confusing the legalisation of cannabis for recreational use with the need to provide safe and legal access to cannabis for medical purposes to all patients in need;*

Or. en

Amendment 12

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD
Compromise amendment replacing and covering AMs 19-20

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas a review of existing scientific literature on the subject of medical cannabis provides conclusive or substantial evidence that cannabis and cannabinoids have therapeutic effects such as in the treatment of chronic pain in adults (e.g. in cancer diseases), as antiemetics *in* the treatment of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting or for improving

Amendment

J. whereas a review of existing scientific literature on the subject of cannabis *used in a medical setting* provides conclusive or substantial evidence that cannabis and cannabinoids have therapeutic effects such as in the treatment of chronic pain in adults (e.g. in cancer diseases), as antiemetics the treatment of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting or for

patient-reported multiple sclerosis spasticity symptoms;

improving patient-reported multiple sclerosis spasticity symptoms **and is effective in the treatment of patients with anxiety disorders, PTSD and depression;**

Or. en

Amendment 13

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD
Compromise amendment replacing and covering AMs 21-26

Motion for a resolution Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas there **is limited** evidence that cannabis or cannabinoids are effective for increasing appetite and decreasing weight loss associated with HIV/AIDS, **improving clinician-measured multiple sclerosis spasticity symptoms**, improving symptoms of **Tourette syndrome**, **improving symptoms of** posttraumatic stress disorder;

Amendment

K. whereas there is evidence that cannabis or cannabinoids **may be** effective for increasing appetite and decreasing weight loss associated with HIV/AIDS, alleviating symptoms of **mental disorders such as psychosis, or Tourette syndrome, alleviating symptoms of epilepsy, but also Alzheimer's disease, Arthritis, Asthma, Cancer, Crohn's disease and Glaucoma and it contributes to the reduction of the risk of obesity and diabetes and mitigates menstrual pain;**

Or. en

Amendment 14

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD
Compromise amendment replacing and covering AMs 29-30

Motion for a resolution Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas there is no uniform standardisation system for the labelling of the drugs that contain THC and CBD;

Amendment

N. whereas there is no uniform standardisation system for the **marking and labelling of the drugs that contain THC and CBD, and other cannabinoids found within the cannabis plant;**

Amendment 15

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Verts/ALE, GUE/NGL, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing AMs 32 and 33 and covering AMs 32-34

Motion for a resolution

Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas there is little or no **educational training** on the impact of medical products containing THC and CBD in EU countries for medical staff - medical students, medical doctors and pharmacists, as well as **social campaigns** for young people and women who have motherhood in their perspective;

Amendment

O. whereas there is little or no **reliable information** on the impact of medical products containing THC and CBD in EU countries for medical staff - medical students, medical doctors and pharmacists, **psychiatrist**, as well as **information and alerts** for young people and women who have motherhood in their perspective;