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## ENVI Committee for a stronger legal framework against future pandemics

*"Today's vote paves the way to the creation of a stronger legal framework allowing the EU to be better prepared for and react to future pandemics. Relying on voluntary solidarity and ad-hoc decisions did not work. We must learn from experience equip the EU level with better competences and enforceable mechanism to be ready to face future health crises. We therefore hope Member States will follow the Parliament's ambition ."* commented Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery.

European doctors welcome the vote of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on the Report on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU.

It is especially encouraging to see the emphasis on including prevention in the scope of activities, strengthening the role of the Health Security Committee, and identifying clear rules for ECDC's access to health data via the digital platform.

The European Parliament has also put forward improved mechanisms to monitor and mitigate medicine shortages.

To improve health systems' ability to respond to future emergencies, European doctors welcome the European Parliament's proposal to collect comparable data on resources and establish benchmarks for minimum capacities.

CPME now looks to Member States to match this ambition and hope for productive negotiations.

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