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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on overuse of antibiotics and the steady rise in antibiotic resistance

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on overuse of antibiotics and the steady rise in antibiotic resistance

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Action plan against the rising threats from antimicrobial resistance, presented by the Commission in 2011,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in France overuse of antibiotics is giving rise to serious public health problems (a significant increase in the number of deaths associated with a therapeutic deadlock);
- B. whereas this overuse has devastating effects on the environment;
- C. whereas the level of consumption of antibiotics in France is appreciably higher than the European average (about 30% higher);
- D. whereas the French Agency for the Safety of Health Products has shown that, after a fall, antibiotic use in France has risen again since 2010, with the largest consumption by women, children and the elderly;
- 1. Considers that the development of rapid diagnostic tests to determine the cause of infections (bacterial or viral) and whether or not to prescribe antibiotics must be encouraged in France and the EU;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to maintain earlier products on the market, in view of the small number of new antibiotic molecules, despite the fact that they are not very profitable for pharmaceutical companies;
- 3. Instructs its President to put forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.