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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the prevalence of HIV in penitentiary establishments

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the prevalence of HIV in penitentiary establishments

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 TFEU,
- having regard to the 2015 World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines,
- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 282/2014,
- having regard to the HIV Action Plan of 14 March 2014,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in 2014, 29 992 cases of HIV were diagnosed in the European Economic Area, 48% of which were diagnosed late in the WHO European Region;
- B. whereas, according to Regulation (EU) No 282/2014, HIV constitutes a 'key risk factor' for European public health;
- C. whereas, in its Action Plan, the Commission identifies prisoners as a group 'particularly at risk' of HIV infection, and whereas, according to the WHO, a high incidence of HIV was recorded in some EU penitentiary establishments in 2007 (11% in France);
- D. whereas HIV prevalence, particularly when diagnosed late, represents a risk to the health of prisoners and the wider population;
- 1. Urges the Commission to publish recommendations on HIV in penitentiary establishments, to include the systematic and voluntary screening of prisoners.

