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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on antibiotic resistance

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on antibiotic resistance

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the Commission Communication of 15 November 2011,
- having regard to the World Health Organisation global action plan of 25 May 2015,
- having regard to the European Commission Eurobarometer survey of April 2016,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. stresses that antibiotic resistance is a critical public health issue;
- B. points out that, according to OECD data, antibiotic resistance causes 700 000 deaths per year and could cause 10 million deaths by 2050;
- C. welcomes the 6% decrease in the use of antibiotics in Europe between 2009 and 2016;
- D. emphasises that, according to the aforementioned Commission survey, excessive use of antibiotics in Europe is partly due to a lack of information among its population, particularly the less well-off sections;
- E. takes note of the existing information campaigns, including the European Antibiotic Awareness Day;
- 1. Encourages the competent European agencies, in partnership with the Member States, to use information campaigns on the overuse of antibiotics for practitioners and patients.



