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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the brain drain in the health sector

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the brain drain in the medical sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union subscribes to the Millennium Development Goals that include reducing child and maternal mortality as well as combatting HIV and malaria;
- B. whereas these goals concern developing countries and whereas, according to the World Health Organisation, the deficit in health practitioners reached 4 million at the start of the 21st century, to the detriment of developing countries where there are less than 0.25 doctors for every 1 000 inhabitants compared to more than 3 in most developed countries;
- C. whereas this shortage is causing a deterioration of health conditions in developing countries, with two studies (in 2008 and 2010) drawing a correlation between the number of doctors and the rate of vaccination and child mortality;
- 1. Encourages Member States to avoid the use of medical staff from developing countries and to develop incentive solutions for the medical students in question to return to their country of origin;
- 2. Encourages the Commission to publish recommendations along these lines.