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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the eradication of polio

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the eradication of polio

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 new cases of polio have reduced by 99% from 2000 to 2015 with 101 cases recorded in 2015, practically reaching the goal of completely eradicating this pathology set by the 41th World Health Assembly in 1988;
- B. whereas despite the decrease in the number of new diagnoses worldwide, dozens of new cases are nevertheless still recorded each year in certain countries, in particular Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan;
- C. whereas polio causes serious complications including total paralysis in 5 to 10% of the cases, and even respiratory paralysis, and whereas no curative treatment yet exists;
- 1. Encourages the European Commission and Member States to join the efforts of the World Health Organisation to eradicate polio worldwide and to maintain the surveillance of polio in Europe, specifically targeting populations from countries where there is a high occurrence of this pathology.