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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on Acute Flaccid Myelitis

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Acute Flaccid Myelitis

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 Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) syndrome was discovered in the US in August 2014, and 249 cases were confirmed between August and October 2016;
- B. whereas the symptoms of AFM include loss of muscle tone and breathing difficulties;
- C. whereas, according to US disease monitoring and prevention centres, a number of viruses have been identified as the possible cause of AFM; whereas, in particular, analyses carried out by the children's' hospital in Aurora, Colorado, showed in 2014 a possible link between AFM and Enterovirus D68, a virus which is related to the poliovirus and which causes serious respiratory infections;
- D. whereas, according to a report by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (August 2016), a number of Member States have reported a recent increase in Enterovirus D68 diagnoses;
- 1. Calls on the Commission, through the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, to set up an AFM monitoring body, which should keep close contact with the relevant authorities in the US.