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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the HSV-1 and HSV-2 viruses

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the HSV-1 and HSV-2 viruses

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 HSV-1 and HSV-2 viruses cause ulcers and whereas HSV-2 can lead to meningitis and fatal neonatal infections and triples the risk of contracting HIV;
- B. whereas 417 million people aged from 15-49 are infected with HSV-2; whereas it affects 18% of women and 13% of men in Western Europe; and whereas anti-viral drugs stop the virus spreading but do not eradicate it;
- C. whereas the phase II of the clinical trials of some preventative and therapeutic vaccines for HSV-2, such as GEN-003, are under way;
- D. whereas most Member States rarely carry out serological screening for HSV-1 and HSV-2, even though the viruses are contagious during the asymptomatic stage and PCR tests and antibodies do exist;
- 1. Urges the Commission and the Member States to link the fight against those viruses to HIV prevention programmes and to support research into vaccines;
- 2. Urges the Commission and the Member States to make recommendations on screening with the assistance of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.