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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on new, antibiotic-free disinfectant technologies in poultry farming

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on new, antibiotic-free disinfectant technologies in poultry farming

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Council conclusions of 22 June 2012 on ‘the impact of antimicrobial resistance in the human health sector and in the veterinary sector – a “One Health” perspective’,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas heavy reliance on antibiotics in poultry farming is contributing to antimicrobial resistance, which, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), was responsible for 700 000 deaths worldwide in 2014;
- B. whereas, while unable to eradicate the H5N8 subtype of the avian influenza virus, prototypes of decontamination robots designed for use in poultry holdings disperse a ‘dry mist’ of antibiotic-free disinfectants which limit the spread of bacteria, in particular, *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*;
- C. whereas technology of that type is an effective means to tackle the rising phenomenon of antimicrobial resistance head-on;
1. Encourages the Commission to support research into new technologies capable of making a significant contribution to the fight against antimicrobial resistance, and to promote their development.