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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on syphilis

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on syphilis

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 syphilis is a bacterial infection caused by *Treponema pallidum* with an annual incidence rate of 5.6 million cases worldwide, and whereas syphilis leads to complications such as neurological or cardiovascular problems;
- B. whereas syphilis is increasingly prevalent in Europe, with 24 541 new cases in 2014, i.e. an incidence rate of 5.1 per 100 000; whereas in some Member States, such as France and Germany, syphilis incidence increased by more than 50% between 2010 and 2014; and whereas, moreover, screening remains inadequate;
- C. whereas, according to a study published in the journal *Nature Microbiology* on 5 December 2016, the two main strains of syphilis have shown resistance to the antibiotic azithromycin;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to support research into innovative syphilis treatments, via the relevant agencies;
- 2. Encourages the Member States to step up syphilis screening by developing, in particular, rapid, targeted and reliable screening tools.