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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the *Bdellovibrio* bacterium and multi-resistant shigellosis

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the *Bdellovibrio* bacterium and multi-resistant shigellosis

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 shigellosis is a bacterial infection caused, in particular, by *Shigella dysenteriae*, with an incidence of 1.6 per 100 000 in the EU (2012), and whereas its incidence is rising due to migration, since 63 % of the cases for which the information was available were linked to contamination from abroad (2012) and since 80 cases of shigellosis were reported amongst migrants in 2015, according to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control;
- B. whereas shigellosis can be treated with antibiotics but multi-resistant strains exist;
- C. whereas a study by Imperial College London and the University of Nottingham (dated 23 November 2016), has demonstrated the capacity of the *Bdellovibrio* bacterium to eradicate *Shigella flexneri* strain M90T, which is resistant to both streptomycin and carbenicillin;
 1. Points out that antibiotic resistance is a health risk likely to cause ten million deaths a year by 2050;
 2. Calls on the Commission to support research on resistance to antibiotics;
 3. Urges Member States to contain the spread of shigellosis in the migrants' camps.