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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on leishmaniosis and the migration crisis

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on leishmaniosis and the migration crisis

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 leishmaniosis is a chronic disease which takes both a cutaneous form and a visceral form and is transmitted by protozoans of the *Leishmania* genus found in tropical regions, but whereas mammals, such as dogs and rabbits, may serve as reservoirs for the parasite;
- B. whereas leishmaniosis is endemic in 98 countries, with a worldwide incidence of between 1.5 and 2 million cases, and whereas it is rare in Europe, apart from its occasional presence in regions with a Mediterranean climate, but whereas the influx of migrants from regions where it is endemic (Syria, etc.) presents a health risk to European populations;
- C. whereas there is no vaccine or prophylaxis against leishmaniosis;
 - 1. Encourages the Commission to support research to find a treatment for leishmaniosis and to step up surveillance of leishmaniosis, particularly among migrants who come from regions where it is endemic;
 - 2. Encourages screening for leishmaniosis in animals, particularly rabbits and dogs, which have come from regions where the disease is endemic.