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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the fight against rare diseases.

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the fight against rare diseases

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 350 million people in the world suffer from rare diseases (defined as having a prevalence of below 5 per 10 000), with 6% to 8% of the European population being affected by between 5 000 and 8 000 rare diseases;
- B. whereas the fight against rare diseases is in line with the 17 United Nations sustainable development goals; whereas an NGO Committee for Rare Diseases was inaugurated on 11 November 2016 within the UN framework;
- C. whereas the European Union has launched a rare disease programme; whereas Regulation (EC) No 141/2000 introduces incentives for research into these diseases; whereas the programme falls short of requirements, however, since the European Orphanet portal, for example, does not include all rare diseases and patients are encountering difficulties in obtaining care in the Member States;
- 1. Urges the Commission and Member States to treat the fight against rare diseases as a priority and to support research into new treatments.