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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on rotavirus vaccination

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on rotavirus vaccination

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, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), diarrhoeal diseases kill 760 000 children under the age of five worldwide every year, and whereas rotaviruses are the most common cause of diarrhoeal disease, accounting for 527 000 of those deaths;
- B. whereas two rotavirus vaccines, RotaTeq and Rotarix, were granted EU marketing authorisations on 27 June 2006 and 21 February 2006 respectively, but whereas a number of Member States do not have vaccination timetables;
- C. whereas, on 21 April 2015, France withdrew its recommendations on rotavirus vaccination because of its side effects, in particular acute intestinal invagination;
- D. whereas the WHO recommends that infants be vaccinated, and issued a positive assessment of the rotavirus vaccines in May 2015;
- 1. Calls on the Commission, working through the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, to issue updated guidelines on rotavirus vaccination.