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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on Marburg virus

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Marburg virus

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 Marburg virus, which was isolated in 1967 in Germany, is a virus belonging to the Filoviridae family which causes severe illness and leads to the death of infected persons in 25% to 80% of cases (Democratic Republic of Congo, 1998-2000);
- B. whereas Marburg virus is transmitted through contact with the blood of a contaminated person, but certain animals may carry the virus, particularly monkeys and bats and, according to some research, pigs;
- C. whereas no treatment exists for Marburg virus, but several research projects for the purpose of developing a vaccine are being carried out, particularly the project of the pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson whose Phase I clinical trials began on 12 September 2016;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to support current and future research projects to develop a vaccine against Marburg virus;
- 2. Alerts Member States to the dangers associated with imports of animals from regions where the disease is endemic.