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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on *Elizabethkingia* bacteria

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on *Elizabethkingia* bacteria

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 the *Elizabethkingia* infection is caused by the *Elizabethkingia anophelis* and *Elizabethkingia meningoseptica* bacteria which are present in the environment, predominantly in soil and water; whereas there are 250-500 new cases each year in the USA; and whereas other cases have been identified around the world, particularly in hospitals;
- B. whereas the *E. meningoseptica* and *E. anophelis* bacterial infections cause meningitis and pneumonia; whereas they can also lead to complications such as septicaemia; and whereas the *E. meningoseptica* bacterium is resistant to antibiotics such as quinolones, co-trimoxazole, rifampicin, vancomycin and colistin;
- C. whereas the aforementioned complications most often occur in patients with a predisposition, particularly those with conditions that weaken the immune system (HIV, neutropenia, diabetes, etc.);
- 1. Urges the Commission and the Member States to set up an early warning and monitoring system for *Elizabethkingia* bacterial infections and issue guidelines, primarily for the use of hospital staff.