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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on Ebola vaccine

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Ebola vaccine

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 Ebola virus causes haemorrhagic fevers with a mortality rate of between 25% and 90% in human beings and is transmitted through blood;
- B. whereas the centres of Ebola epidemics are located particularly in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and whereas, according to the latest data available (from the World Health Organisation), 28 616 cases have been reported in those three countries, causing 11 310 deaths;
- C. whereas, according to an announcement made by the World Health Organisation on 23 December 2016, a vaccine in the possession of the Merck pharmaceutical company containing a harmless form of the vesicular stomatitis virus which includes a gene for a protein in the Ebola virus has been found to be virtually 100% effective against that virus in pharmaceutical trials;
- 1. Encourages the Commission to facilitate, as necessary, the placing on the market of the vaccine against the Ebola virus and to issue guidelines on vaccination, particularly, of people in transit or originating from regions where the disease is endemic.