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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure,
on the resurgence of the plague

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the resurgence of the plague

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 plague is caused by the *Yersinia pestis* bacterium and can be treated with antibiotics, in particular streptomycin, gentamicin or tetracycline, and whereas, although only 3 248 cases of the plague were reported between 2010 and 2015, 584 of which resulted in death, the number of fatalities around the world is increasing (23% rise in 2015);
- B. whereas cases of the plague are regularly reported in the USA, with an average of 7 per year, but in 2015 the number of cases reported was double that of the previous year; whereas, moreover, in Colorado in 2014 the first case of human contamination in the USA since 1924 was reported in Colorado in 2014;
- C. whereas the plague is endemic in Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, for example, and whereas it is carried by rodents and canines;
- 1. Takes note of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's assessment of the situation regarding the plague in Europe, and calls on the Commission to issue guidelines.