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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the Oropouche virus

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Oropouche 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 the Oropouche virus (hereinafter 'OROV') belongs to the family of orthobunyaviruses and causes an acute fever which may develop into meningitis; whereas also the epidemiological zones are mainly located in South America, where the virus has triggered at least 30 epidemics since it was discovered;
 - B. whereas, according to a note by the World Health Organization of 3 June 2016, an Oropouche epidemic claimed 57 lives in the Cuzco region of Peru and this epidemic marks an extension of the usual epidemiological territory of OROV; whereas the parasite *Culicoides paraensis*, a vector of OROV, is found in much of South America, unlike the parasites responsible for the proliferation of the Zika virus or Leishmaniasis, for example;
 - C. whereas no preventive vaccine or therapeutic treatment exists against OROV;
- 1. Encourages the Commission, through the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, to update its guidelines on OROV, in particular for travellers in transit in the epidemiological zones or nationals of those areas.