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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on promoting phage therapy

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on promoting phage therapy

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 resistance to antibiotics is said to cause 25 000 deaths per annum in Europe and whereas, in France alone, nearly 160 000 patients develop infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria;
- B. whereas certain procedures may be used to replace or complement treatment with antibiotics, such as phage therapy, which is already common in some countries, such as Russia;
- C. whereas this treatment raises several issues, which could be dealt with by European regulations on the internal market in medical products and medication;
- D. whereas the resolution adopted by Parliament in 2013 (2013/2022(INI)) proposed that research in this area should be supported and Member States should be encouraged to promote this treatment method;
 - 1. Notes the research projects currently under way in the field of phage therapy;
 - 2. Encourages the Commission to assess the risks associated with phage therapy in terms of effectiveness/risks, notably with the assistance of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control;
 - 3. Encourages the health authorities of the Member States to study and promote the use of phage therapy.