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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on research on artificial blood

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on research on artificial blood

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 108 million units of blood are collected every year around the world, yet many patients do not have access to safe blood in a timely manner and this shortage has particularly grave consequences for soldiers, as 70% of deaths during service are due to haemorrhages and not fatal wounds;
- B. whereas several studies carried out over a period of around 80 years have attempted to produce artificial blood without success but a study by Washington University (Saint-Louis, United States) from December 2016 was able to develop artificial blood cells from purified human haemoglobin which could be stored in powder form;
- 1. Urges the Commission and Member States to support research on artificial blood in order to find similar solutions to those listed in point B of this resolution.