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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Josu Juaristi Abaunz
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on the Ebola crisis: the long-term lessons and how to strengthen health systems
in developing countries to prevent future crises
(2014/2204(INI))

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Amendment 1

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Tibor Szanyi, Gilles Pargneaux, Nicola Caputo, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Recital -A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-A. Whereas the World Health Organisation was first alerted by the current outbreak of Ebola virus disease on 23 March 2014, but it was not until 8 August that the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee declared it a public health emergency of international concern.

Or. en

Amendment 2

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. whereas *since* the Ebola outbreak in West Africa ***was officially declared on 22 March 2014 in Guinea, the disease has claimed 6 387 lives in the region¹***;

A. whereas the Ebola outbreak in West Africa ***in 2014 is the largest and most complex outbreak of this virus disease in history and has affected many countries and resulted in thousands falling ill and dying^{1 a}***; whereas, prior to this outbreak, Ebola had not been considered a major public health challenge;

¹WHO data as at 10 December 2014.

^{1 a} Situation report:
<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/situation-reports/archive/en/>

Or. de

Amendment 3

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas *since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was officially declared on 22 March 2014 in Guinea, the disease has claimed 6 387 lives* in the region¹ ;

¹ WHO data as at 10 December 2014.

Amendment

A. whereas *the disease has claimed 8966 casualties and 22140 confirmed, probable and suspected cases in the region; whereas the health professionals working in the region have been severely hit by the outbreak with a total of 822 confirmed infections and 488 deaths reported.*^{1 a} .

^{1 a} WHO Ebola Situation report 4 February 2015

Or. en

Amendment 4

Boleslaw G. Piecha

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was officially declared on 22 March 2014 in Guinea, the *disease has claimed 6 387 lives* in the region¹;

¹WHO data as at 10 December 2014.

Amendment

A. whereas since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was officially declared on 22 March 2014 in Guinea, the *number of confirmed or probable deaths* in the region *has risen to almost 9 000*¹;

¹WHO data as at 31 January 2015.

Or. pl

Amendment 5
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was officially declared on 22 March 2014 in Guinea, the disease has claimed 6 387 lives in the region¹;

¹WHO data as at 10 December 2014.

Amendment

A. whereas since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was officially declared on 22 March 2014 in Guinea, the disease has claimed 6 387 lives in the region¹,
including 342 members of medical staff;

¹WHO data as at 10 December 2014.

Or. hr

Amendment 6
Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was officially declared on 22 March 2014 in Guinea, the disease has claimed **6 387** lives in the ***region¹*** ;

¹ WHO data as at ***10 December 2014***.

Amendment

A. whereas since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was officially declared on 22 March 2014 in Guinea, the disease has claimed **8 981** lives in the ***region¹***

¹ WHO data as at ***04 February 2015***.

Or. en

Amendment 7
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. Whereas the WHO has just reported that, for the first time this year, the weekly case incidence increased in all three countries; whereas there were 124 new cases reported in the week to 1 February : 39 in Guinea, 5 in Liberia and 80 in Sierra Leone.

Or. en

Amendment 8
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the outbreak is the largest ever, and is currently affecting four countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Mali), while outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended;

Amendment

B. whereas despite the fact that the outbreak was officially declared in Guinea on 22 March 2014 , Ebola was only recognised by the WHO as an international public health emergency on 9 August ; whereas the outbreak has affected more than 20 000 people, mainly in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone and has spread to 9 countries and 3 continents;

Or. de

Amendment 9
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the outbreak is the largest ever, and is currently affecting *four* countries in

Amendment

B. whereas the WHO and the international community underestimated

West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, **Sierra Leone and Mali**), while outbreaks in **Nigeria and Senegal** have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the **DRC** has also ended;

the scope of the outbreak in its beginnings; whereas the outbreak is the largest ever and is currently affecting **three** countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia **and Sierra Leone**); *whereas Ebola became epidemic in large part because of their weak health systems.*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Boleslaw G. Piecha

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the outbreak is the largest ever, and is currently affecting **four** countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone **and Mali**), while outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended;

Amendment

B. whereas the outbreak is the largest ever, and is currently affecting **three** countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia **and** Sierra Leone), while outbreaks in **Mali**, Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended; *whereas fatalities have also occurred in the United States*;

Or. pl

Amendment 11
Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the outbreak is the largest ever, and is currently affecting **four** countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone **and Mali**), while outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended;

Amendment

B. whereas the outbreak is the largest ever, and is currently affecting **three** countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia **and** Sierra Leone), while outbreaks in **Mali**, Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended;

Amendment 12
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the outbreak is ***the largest ever, and is*** currently affecting four countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Mali), while outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended;

Amendment

B. whereas the outbreak is currently affecting four countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Mali), while outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended, ***whereas this outbreak is the largest ever because in particular of:***

- the structural adjustment policies imposed by the IMF and the World Bank causing a significant deterioration in healthcare facilities in these countries in order to meet their debts,

- the spread of the virus being facilitated by deforestation leading to the destruction of the habitat of the virus' natural reservoirs,

- failings in how the emergency was assessed by the international organisations concerned (WHO),

- as well as the pharmaceutical industry's failure to develop a suitable treatment since the virus was first identified in 1976 on account of there being no real prospect of what might be considered a sufficiently profitable return;

Amendment 13
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the outbreak is the largest ever, and is currently affecting four countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Mali), while outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended;

Amendment

B. whereas the outbreak is the largest ever, and is ***also threatening Europe and*** currently affecting four countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Mali), while outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal have been declared to be over, and a separate outbreak in the DRC has also ended;

Or. it

Amendment 14

Catherine Bearder, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, José Inácio Faria, Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. Whereas the countries worst hit by the current outbreak of Ebola in West Africa were countries with particularly under resourced, under staffed and vulnerable health systems.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Marlene Mizzi

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. Whereas the escalation of the Ebola epidemic has caused not only a medical crisis claiming thousands of lives but also social and economic pressures and

political instability in the affected countries and wider regions.

Or. en

Amendment 16
Marlene Mizzi

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable and constantly evolving;

Amendment

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable and constantly evolving ***and therefore continues international support is needed in relation to all aspects of the epidemic response from community education and mobilisation, training of health personnel and medical supportive care to coordinated epidemiological control, tracing and surveillance;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable ***and constantly evolving;***

Amendment

C. Whereas ***the way*** this epidemic ***constantly evolves*** is unpredictable, ***notably through lack of isolation facilities and skilled local medical workers, and because of the difficulties foreign medical workers have in winning the trust of the local people concerned which is a prerequisite to the success of their actions;***

Or. fr

Amendment 18

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas ***this*** epidemic ***is*** unpredictable and constantly evolving;

Amendment

C. whereas ***the Ebola*** epidemic ***has shown to be*** unpredictable and constantly evolving; ***recalls that the introduction of a case into unaffected countries remains a risk for as long as cases are reported in any country.***

Or. en

Amendment 19

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas ***this epidemic is*** unpredictable and constantly evolving;

Amendment

C. whereas ***epidemics are*** unpredictable and constantly evolving; ***whereas the intensity of this outbreak is decreasing but its geographical spread is increasing;***

Or. de

Amendment 20

Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable and constantly evolving;

Amendment

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable and constantly evolving ***and no research***

to date has produced a cure;

Or. it

Amendment 21
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable and constantly evolving;

Amendment

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable and constantly ***uncontrollably*** evolving;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable and constantly evolving;

Amendment

C. whereas this epidemic is unpredictable and constantly evolving ***and is also threatening*** Europe;

Or. it

Amendment 23
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the main challenges in the three most affected countries have been the lack of experience in dealing with

Ebola, a highly mobile population, a widespread public misperception of the disease and its transmission paths and a high degree of community resistance to early treatment, leading to acts of aggression against international medical personnel;

Or. de

Amendment 24

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the quality and strength of health systems have been key to effectively control the outbreak

Or. en

Amendment 25

Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion

Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the economic, social and political implications of this epidemic will have lasting consequences for the region, including threats to regional food security and social cohesion;

Or. fr

Amendment 26

Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas, in February 2015, the WHO reported for the first time that year an increase in weekly infection rates in the three countries with high transmission levels, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, where the response to Ebola still a major challenge;

Or. it

Amendment 27
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

Amendment

D. whereas the worst-hit countries have received some assistance from the international community, but foreign governments have focused primarily on financing or building Ebola case-management structures, leaving it up to national authorities, local healthcare staff and NGOs to staff them;

D. whereas the international community had underestimated the scale of the outbreak, and the initial response was therefore hesitant and did not reflect the true extent of the crisis;

Or. de

Amendment 28
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

Amendment

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received *some* assistance from the international community, but foreign governments have focused primarily on financing or building Ebola case-management structures, leaving it up to national authorities, local healthcare staff and NGOs to staff them;

received *significant* assistance from the international community, but foreign governments have focused primarily on financing or building Ebola case-management structures, leaving it up to national authorities, local healthcare staff and NGOs to staff them;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas the worst-hit countries have received some assistance from the international community, but foreign governments have focused primarily on financing or building Ebola case-management structures, leaving it up to national authorities, local healthcare staff and NGOs to staff *them*;

Amendment

D. whereas the worst-hit countries have received some assistance from the international community, but foreign governments have focused primarily on financing or building Ebola case-management structures, *rather than investing in ways of resolving the problem at source, furthermore* leaving it up to national authorities, local healthcare staff and NGOs to *supply the necessary resources in terms of medical* staff;

Or. it

Amendment 30
Jean-François Jalkh, Joëlle Mélin, Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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financing or building Ebola case-management structures, leaving it up to national authorities, local healthcare staff and NGOs to staff them;

financing or building Ebola case-management structures, leaving it up to national authorities, local healthcare staff and NGOs to staff them; ***whereas international action should not be detrimental to the national sovereignty of beneficiary states;***

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas the European Union, together with its Member states, has made available more than €1.2 billion in financial aid to help contain the outbreak of Ebola virus disease in West Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. Whereas the European Union has deployed financial assistance worth 1.1 billion euros, of which more than 434 European Commission funds; whereas the WHO has recently called for three measures to eradicate Ebola completely: an extra fund of 1 billion dollars (800 million euros); better coordination and management of emergency situations and ensuring the access of new medicines to

the market.

Or. en

Amendment 33
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Db. whereas the European Commission has been actively engaged from the very start of the outbreak, has been scaling up its response to the epidemic and monitors the situation through its Emergency response Coordination Centre which serves for the coordination of EU assistance and under the authority of the EU Ebola Coordinator Christos Stylianides;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Nicola Caputo, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Db. Whereas EVD eradication faces significant challenges such as the beginning of the wet season, increasing geographical spread, widespread transmission, continued community resistance and unsafe burials.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Recital D c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Dc. whereas the activation of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism has facilitated rapid, coordinated deployment of emergency supplies and experts offered by the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

Amendment

E. whereas, across the region, there are still no adequate facilities in the locations required for isolating and diagnosing patients; whereas in many places in West Africa, coordination is an issue, resulting in serious gaps in the response;

E. whereas appropriate diagnosis, isolation, treatment and care facilities are already available in the worst affected countries, but the coordination, geographical distribution and flexibility of these facilities still represent a major challenge;

Or. de

Amendment 37
Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

Amendment

E. whereas, across the region, there are still no adequate facilities in the locations

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required for isolating and diagnosing patients; whereas in many places in West Africa, coordination is an issue, **resulting in** serious gaps in the response;

required for isolating and diagnosing patients; whereas in many places in West Africa, coordination is an issue, **characterised by** serious gaps in the response, **resulting in further cases of contagion and loss of life**;

Or. it

Amendment 38

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Recital E

Draft opinion

E. whereas, across the region, there are still no adequate facilities in the locations required for isolating and diagnosing patients; whereas in many places in West Africa, coordination is an issue, resulting in serious gaps in the response;

Amendment

E. whereas, across the region, there are still no adequate facilities in the locations required for isolating and diagnosing patients; whereas in many places in West Africa, coordination is an issue, resulting in serious gaps in the response; **whereas the health systems of African countries affected by the epidemic have suffered because of budgetary restrictions demanded by the International Monetary Fund in return for the financial aid they have received**;

Or. fr

Amendment 39

Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion

Recital E

Draft opinion

E. whereas, across the region, there are still no adequate facilities in the locations required for isolating and diagnosing patients; whereas in many places in West

Amendment

E. whereas, across the region, there are still no adequate facilities in the locations required for isolating and diagnosing patients; whereas in many places in West

Africa, coordination is an issue, resulting in serious gaps in the response;

Africa, **bad** coordination is an issue, resulting in serious gaps in the response;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital E a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ea. whereas, according to UNICEF, several thousand children have been orphaned as a result of the epidemic; whereas many Ebola victims suffer from discrimination, loss of status and social exclusion;

Or. de

Amendment 41
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion
Recital E a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ea. whereas a high percentage of doctors from sub-Saharan Africa do not exercise their profession in their countries of origin but in EU countries, where in some cases they have trained, causing a shortage of medical staff in the countries affected by the epidemic, as they are not able to carry out their mission of prevention, treatment and early detection among their own people;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas ***other elements that are essential to an Ebola response – such as awareness-raising and community acceptance***, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care for non-Ebola patients – ***are still lacking in parts of West Africa***;

Amendment

F. whereas ***the international community's response to the countries affected by Ebola should address the entire range of challenges and include many different elements, such as awareness-raising, improving the commitment of the community, social mobilisation, ensuring safe funerals, contact tracing and monitoring***, alerts and surveillance ***and*** access to health care for non-Ebola patients;

Or. de

Amendment 43
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas other elements that are essential to an Ebola response – such as awareness-raising and community acceptance, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care for non-Ebola patients – ***are still lacking in parts of West Africa***;

Amendment

F. whereas other elements that are essential to an Ebola response – such as awareness-raising and community acceptance, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care for non-Ebola patients; ***whereas the role played by health professionals is key in such emergency circumstances.***

Or. en

Amendment 44
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas *other elements that are essential to an* Ebola response – such as awareness-raising and community acceptance, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care for non-Ebola patients – *are* still lacking in parts of West Africa;

Amendment

F. whereas *the Ebola epidemic has highlighted serious shortcomings in local health crisis prevention and response systems* – such as awareness-raising and community acceptance, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care for non-Ebola patients – still lacking in parts of West Africa;

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas other elements that are essential to an Ebola response – such as awareness-raising and community acceptance, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care for non-Ebola patients – are still lacking in parts of West Africa;

Amendment

F. whereas other elements that are essential to an Ebola response – such as *laboratory capacity to diagnose and confirm infection*, awareness-raising and community acceptance, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care for non-Ebola patients, *including protection of health facilities and health workers* – are still lacking in parts of West Africa, *while these activities are interdependent and should all be in place to contain the epidemic*;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas other elements that are essential to an Ebola response – such as awareness-raising and community acceptance, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care for non-Ebola patients – are still lacking in parts of West Africa;

Amendment

F. whereas other elements that are essential to an Ebola response – such as awareness-raising and community acceptance, safe burials, contact tracing, alerts and surveillance, access to health care **and education** for non-Ebola patients – are still lacking in parts of West Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion
Recital F a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Fa. whereas the virus may be present in patients' seminal fluid for nearly 90 days after their recovery;

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion
Recital F b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Fb. whereas permission to board flights in affected countries was based in part on passengers' statements concerning their stay in infected areas, which is unreliable

to say the least;

Or. fr

Amendment 49

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Recital F c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Fc. whereas cases of infection in the Member States have demonstrated the unpreparedness of medical teams in EU hospitals to treat Ebola cases;

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Recital F d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Fd. whereas on the one hand Member States do not have the means to control entry at their own borders, and on the other have not been able to coordinate effectively joint controls on travel to and from the infected region; whereas this disorder may have contributed to the epidemic's spread within affected areas by facilitating international travel and thereby contributing to local populations moving around within those countries where the virus is spreading;

Or. fr

Amendment 51

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Recital F e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Fe. whereas the epidemic has seriously affected local farming, with the death of farm workers, local populations moving around and the abandonment of some crop areas posing a threat to future harvests; whereas there is a risk that exports to the EU may create food shortages locally;

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Recital F f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ff. whereas the monitoring of people at risk arriving in Europe is far from perfect, chiefly due to the lack of borders and the principle of free movement;

Or. fr

Amendment 53

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

Recital G

Draft opinion

Amendment

G. whereas clinical trials *for different treatments should be starting soon in*

G. whereas *the results of* clinical trials *for Ebola vaccines should be available in the*

West Africa;

first quarter of 2015; whereas additional funds are still needed to help countries introduce vaccines, to rebuild the collapsed health systems and restore immunisation services in the countries affected by Ebola;

Or. de

Amendment 54
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Recital G

Draft opinion

G. whereas clinical trials for different treatments *should be starting soon* in West Africa;

Amendment

G. whereas clinical trials for different treatments *have only just started* ^{1^a} in West Africa;

^{1^a} *The first experimental vaccine doses were sent to Liberia 23.01.2015.*

Or. it

Amendment 55
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital G

Draft opinion

G. whereas *clinical trials for different treatments should be starting soon in West Africa;*

Amendment

G. whereas *the EC has launched through the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) eight projects working on vaccine and diagnostics run under the new Ebola+ programme with a total budget of 215 million euros; recalls that €114 million come from Horizon 2020, and the remaining €101 million from the pharmaceutical companies involved in the*

projects.

Or. en

Amendment 56

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Recital G

Draft opinion

G. whereas *clinical trials for different treatments should be starting soon in West Africa;*

Amendment

G. whereas *two vaccine candidates currently being tested in humans and both have shown to be safe and efficacious in animals*

Or. en

Amendment 57

Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Recital G

Draft opinion

G. whereas clinical trials for *different treatments* should be starting soon in West Africa;

Amendment

G. whereas *taking into account that according to the Directorate-General for research and innovation the European Commission has mobilized around 180 million euro since September 2014,* clinical trials for *the first vaccines* should be starting soon in West Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion

Recital G

Draft opinion

G. whereas clinical trials for different treatments *should be starting soon* in West Africa;

Amendment

G. whereas clinical trials for different treatments *are planned* in West Africa, *stemming notably thanks to EU public funding from research programmes such as IMI (Innovative Medicines Initiative)*;

Or. fr

Amendment 59
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital G a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ga. whereas the outbreak has dramatically affected local health personnel and the continuation of the training process in West Africa; whereas medical staff are still at great risk of becoming infected with Ebola;

Or. de

Amendment 60
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Recital G a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ga. whereas, while it was known that no vaccine was yet available, it took a very long time before research into, and testing of, vaccines began;

Or. nl

Amendment 61

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Recital G a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ga. whereas the population of big apes (chimpanzees and gorillas) in West Africa has fallen by one third in the past 20 years because of various Ebola epidemics; whereas these apes are coming into contact with human populations more and more frequently, because of deforestation in particular, and are a link in the transmission chain;

Or. fr

Amendment 62

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Recital G b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Gb. whereas private research laboratories do not take an interest in this disease nor, generally, in other haemorrhagic fevers which affect poor populations sporadically but ever more violently; whereas the market generated by these diseases is not sufficiently profitable for private operators, which, furthermore, do not have suitably equipped laboratories (P4) to carry out research on pathogens of this kind;

Or. fr

Amendment 63

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital H

Draft opinion

H. whereas *international financial aid was slow in the first instance and ill-adapted later on, encumbered by serious bottlenecks in terms of staffing;*

Amendment

H. whereas *the measures taken in the fight against Ebola should form part of a coordinated process of ensuring greater transparency and clarity and focusing more on shortcomings and meeting needs;*

Or. de

Amendment 64

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital H

Draft opinion

H. whereas international financial aid was slow in the first instance *and ill-adapted later on, encumbered by serious bottlenecks in terms of staffing;*

Amendment

H. whereas international financial aid was slow in the first instance; *recalls that the WHO approved its Strategic Action Plan for Ebola outbreak response in July 2014 in which it established a 6-9 months' timeframe to control the outbreak; points that, although there has been a peak in contagious since February 1, total eradication and "zero contagion" is the ultimate goal.*

Or. en

Amendment 65
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Recital H a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ha. Whereas some members of medical staff and other staff involved in the fight against the Ebola outbreak were stigmatised and treated inappropriately following their return from Africa;

Or. hr

Amendment 66

Catherine Bearder, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, José Inácio Faria, Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion

Recital H a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ha. Whereas the impact of the Ebola crisis exceeds its mortality rates affecting the prosperity of their whole economies. In 2015 alone according to the World Bank, the impact on GDP of the three most affected countries will be 2 billion dollars, as a direct consequence of the crisis.

Or. en

Amendment 67

Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion

Recital H a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ha. whereas targeting international aid solely on the Ebola virus and not on building up local capacity to run efficient healthcare systems may produce pernicious effects such as an upsurge in the incidence of other diseases, such as diarrhoeal diseases which cause child

deaths and malaria, as a result of a let up in efforts to prevent and treat them;

Or. fr

Amendment 68

Catherine Bearder, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, José Inácio Faria, Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion

Recital H b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Hb. Whereas the impact of the death rates in affected countries are further worsened by struggling health systems which are unable to provide basic services like immunisation, childcare and maternal health services.

Or. en

Amendment 69

Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Deplores the loss of lives in the region devastated by the Ebola outbreak and expresses its sincere condolences to the governments of the countries and to the people affected by the outbreak;

1. Deplores the loss of lives in the region devastated by the Ebola outbreak and expresses its sincere condolences to the governments of the countries and to the people *directly and indirectly* affected by the outbreak;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) and the establishment of the EU Task Force for Ebola and the appointment of Commissioner Christos Stylianides as EU Ebola Response Coordinator and the overall contribution and the help of numerous partner organisations, specialised national and international agencies, the Funds, national and international non-governmental organizations, local and international medical staff and the volunteers working on the ground to combat Ebola;

Or. de

Amendment 71
Marlene Mizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes the progress and contributions made at international and European level but stresses that there is still considerable amount of work that needs to be done to help countries contain and eradicate the Ebola epidemic; Reiterates the importance of a European strategy to coordinate the Ebola response at Union level and to enhance the state of preparedness and protection within the Union itself;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Pays homage to the courage and devotion of the teams of civilian volunteers and soldiers, mainly European, who have come to the aid of victims and extends its deepest sympathy to the families of the 375 medical workers who have paid with their lives;

Or. fr

Amendment 73

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Requires the ***Member States and the Commission*** to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, ***and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments;***

2. Requires the ***international community*** to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola ***and other epidemic-prone, life-threatening viral infectious diseases; calls upon the international community to ensure that measures are taken on the ground to immunise the population;***

Or. de

Amendment 74

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. **Requires the** Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments;

Amendment

2. **Recognises the efforts made by** Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments; ***however, regrets the fact that Grants Agreements for the Ebola+ projects will be signed after the release of the IMI funds and not beforehand and expects that pharmaceutical companies involved will adhere and respect Corporate Social Responsibility principles, specifically by means of affordability of the innovative vaccine treatment.***

Or. en

Amendment 75
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments;

Amendment

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments, ***taking care to ensure these trials take place under ethical conditions whereby patients give informed consent prior to taking part, and there is transparency concerning clinical data stemming from this research and genuine access to these vaccines and treatment for the populations targeted (skilled staff and suitable facilities for administration of treatment, prices not to exceed the real***

cost of production);

Or. fr

Amendment 76
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments;

Amendment

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments; ***welcomes in this regard the fact that the Commission, together with the European pharmaceutical industry, is funding eight research projects aiming to develop vaccines and rapid diagnostic tests with over 200 million Euro;***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments; ***stresses the importance of preventive medical research to combat Ebola and not merely to mitigate sudden***

outbreaks;

Or. sv

Amendment 78

Catherine Bearder, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, José Inácio Faria, Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments;

Amendment

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments *with other public and private stakeholders including WHO, against Ebola and other emerging diseases that are otherwise neglected by the commercial sector.*

Or. en

Amendment 79

Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments;

Amendment

2. Requires the Member States and the Commission to coordinate and strengthen medical research and the production of efficient medicines and vaccines against Ebola, and to advance the necessary clinical trials for existing candidate treatments *and ensure that any vaccines are made available to all free of charge;*

Or. it

Amendment 80
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the eight research projects carried out by the EU under the Ebola + Innovative Medicines Initiative with the aim of developing vaccines and rapid diagnostic tests;

Or. de

Amendment 81
Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points out the international community should learn from self-criticism on late response taking into consideration the specific features of this outbreak; stresses the need to continue supporting institutions like the WHO which has proven to be essential at international level for coordinating and boosting public health related issues.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Catherine Bearder, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, José Inácio Faria, Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the European Commission's mobilisation of €24.4 million in 2014 and €114 million in 2015 from Horizon 2020 to fund research projects that combat Ebola through the development of vaccines, rapid diagnostics tests, and clinical trials to test existing and new Ebola compound treatments.

Or. en

Amendment 83

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to review its policy on support for research teams concerned in the EU so they have the means needed to carry out research, find the treatment needed and produce it in the Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 84

Catherine Bearder, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, José Inácio Faria, Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Salutes that in January 2015 the first trial of a potential drug to treat Ebola started at a Medecins Sans Frontieres centre in Liberia. Vaccines trials, which

would normally take decades, are now being fast-tracked in Ebola-affected countries on a timescale of weeks and months.

Or. en

Amendment 85

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 86

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that

deleted

financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;

(since the official declaration of the outbreak, total EU funding (European Commission and Member States) has reached more than EUR 1.2 billion. Although further financial support for the affected countries still appears necessary, the focus should be on a complex approach that provides accurate, flexible and coordinated responses tailored to local needs)

Or. de

Amendment 87
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that *the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and*

Amendment

3. Considers that *although the EU was engaged from the very start of the crisis, the response of the Member States has been slow in the beginning; welcomes and encourages in this regard the ongoing scaling-up of the EC and MS financial commitment in the areas of humanitarian and development aid, logistics and research to respond to the crisis;*

the volume of financial resources;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that *the response of the* Member States and the Commission *has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;*

Amendment

3. Considers that Member States and the Commission *have to support WHO recommendations, specifically the creation of an extra fund worth 1 billion dollars to eradicate Ebola; points out that there is margin for manoeuvre to improve coordination and organization in emergency situations inside the EU; therefore* considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources *and to ensure the access of innovative medicines to the market.*

Or. en

Amendment 89

Lampros Fountoulis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; *considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;*

and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic;

Or. el

Amendment 90

Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; *considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;*

Amendment

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic;

Or. fr

Amendment 91

Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched *since* the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the *Commission's* financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;

Amendment

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched *in April 2014, one month after* the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the *Commission's* financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Marlene Mizzi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;

Amendment

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources *as well as of medical teams, qualified health workers, laboratories, epidemiologists and protective equipment among others*;

Amendment 93
Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;

Amendment

3. Considers that the response of the Member States and the Commission has been slow and insufficient, and that financial support was shy and did not respond to the severity of the alerts that NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières, ***Emergency*** and others have launched since the beginning of the epidemic; considers that the scaling-up of the Commission's financial commitment should be stronger in terms of humanitarian and development aid to respond to the crisis; considers it necessary to increase the availability and the volume of financial resources;

Or. it

Amendment 94
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the EU to keep the leadership in fighting the EVD outbreak; stresses that although the efforts invested in containing the outbreak showed significant results, it is necessary to eradicate the disease; in this regards welcomes the high-level international conference on Ebola on 3 March 2015 organized by the EU and key partners with the aim to eradicate

Ebola but also to asses the impacts on the affected countries in order to make sure that development aid will build up on humanitarian efforts;

Or. en