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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on Community legislation concerning organ transplants

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Community legislation concerning organ transplants

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 152 of the Treaty of Amsterdam,
 - having regard to the Commission communication of 16 May 2000 (COM(2000) 285),
- A. whereas the current shortage of organs for transplant means that the demands and expectations of patients cannot be met in good time,
- B. whereas growing numbers of non-Community citizens are turning to the national healthcare systems of the Member States for organ transplants,
- C. whereas ethics dictate that third-country nationals cannot be refused lifesaving operations,
1. Invites the Commission to make funds available for a European campaign to raise awareness with regard to organ donations;
 2. Invites the Commission and the Council to establish, with due regard for the principle of subsidiarity, framework legislation which lays down the minimum conditions and general procedures for access to urgent and essential treatment and in particular to organ transplants;
 3. Invites the Commission to take appropriate measures to establish the circumstances of the third-country nationals who have organ transplants in the national healthcare facilities of the Member States, particularly as regards help towards the cost of the transplant and the expensive post-operative and anti-rejection treatment;
 4. Suggests that an ad hoc fund for healthcare assistance to non-Community patients be established in the context of development cooperation with third countries in order to cater for cases of extreme need.