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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

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on a medicine bank to fight AIDS in Africa

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## European Parliament resolution on a medicine bank to fight AIDS in Africa

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas AIDS is responsible for an exceptional number of deaths in Africa,
- B. whereas there is a lack of medicines or the means to obtain them, with the result that AIDS sufferers in Africa are less likely to survive,
- C. whereas medical assistance and the availability of medicines have meant that in Europe and North America AIDS is not a fatal but a chronic illness,
- D. whereas there is a need for international support to find solutions and make substantial contributions so that African AIDS sufferers can have access to the same medication that has so greatly benefited patients in Europe and North America;
- 1. Calls for the creation in Africa of a medicine bank with cheap and accessible medication for Africans with AIDS;
- 2. Calls especially for children with this disease to benefit most from this large-scale supply of medicines to the African medicine bank;
- 3. Calls on the European Union, through both its institutions and its action groups, organisations and individuals, to provide as much support as possible for the medicine bank to combat AIDS in Africa.

