Amendment 8
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Joint motion for a resolution
Recital AL a (new)

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Amendment

ALa. whereas the polio vaccine was brought onto the markets patent-free and the disease has now been eradicated in many regions of the world; whereas the South African Government led by Nelson Mandela was forced to use the availability of compulsory licensing to push for affordable and quality generic equivalents in order to avoid paying exorbitant prices to multinational drug companies using patents for HIV-treatment;

Or. en
Amendment 9
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Or. en
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Amendment 10
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AKa. whereas several Member States have introduced or broadened legislation allowing intellectual property rights to be restricted; whereas pharmaceutical corporations have been known to exploit patents to limit access to effective treatments and cures, at the expense of countless lives in Europe and across the world; whereas big pharmaceutical companies should not profit from this pandemic at the expense of people’s health; whereas EU rules on data and market exclusivity allow patent protections to be extended for up to 10 years;

Or. en
Amendment 11
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Paragraph -1 a (new)

-1a. Calls for the EU to put the public health interest before private profit by ensuring that access to diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines relating to COVID-19 is not hampered by intellectual property rights or similar undue restrictions;

Or. en
Amendment 12
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Commission, the Member States and global partners to ensure rapid, equal and affordable access for all people worldwide to future COVID-19 vaccines and treatments as soon as they are available;

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5. Calls on the Commission, the Member States and global partners to ensure rapid, equal and affordable access for all people worldwide to future COVID-19 vaccines and treatments as soon as they are available, including compulsory patent pools, notably during negotiations in bodies such as the World Health Organization or for the purpose of launching COVID-19 tools via the ACT Accelerator;

Or. en
Amendment 13
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Calls on the Commission to guarantee that anti-pandemic vaccines and treatments become a global public good, freely accessible to everyone;

Or. en
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

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6. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to formally support the COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP), allowing maximum sharing of COVID-19 health technology-related knowledge, intellectual property and data to the benefit of all countries and citizens;

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Or. en
Amendment 15
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. Asks the Commission to introduce extensive waivers on data and market exclusivity in EU regulations to ensure that EU legislation does not limit the immediate effectiveness of compulsory licences issued by Member States;
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. Calls for the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) to be reformed so that Global South countries can get equitable and affordable access to the technologies and medicines that their people need; calls for public health medicines to be exempt from the patent system so as to ensure that poor countries have the legal right to produce and import generic versions of life-saving medicines;
 Amendment 17
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Calls for the European Semester and Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure to be repealed in order to give Member States the financial capacities to fund public services and recovery programmes; insists that the Commission has no role telling Member States to make cuts or liberalise their health services; stresses that the severity of the COVID-19 crisis in the EU is partly due to the underlying preconditions imposed by the European Semester procedure, which have hollowed out healthcare systems and led to more privatised, exclusionary healthcare systems; deplores the fact that from 2011 to 2018, through the European Semester, the Commission made 63 demands to individual Member States that their governments cut spending on healthcare and/or outsource or privatise health services--; calls for a reversal of neoliberal policies and austerity, with substantial investment and strengthened public health and social security systems;

Or. en
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

25a. Deplores the fact that some Member States have failed to effectively guarantee safe and timely access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) during the COVID-19 pandemic; reaffirms that the denial of SRHR services, including safe and legal abortion, is a form of violence against women and girls; reiterates that the rights of LGBTI persons are an integral part of working towards complete respect for SRHR; urges all Member States to analyse how their SRHR services have fared during the pandemic and to cooperate on finding best practices for the future, in the light of the example set by several countries in finding good and innovative ways to provide SRHR services, including telemedicine, online consultations and early medication abortion from home; calls on all Member States to guarantee comprehensive sexuality education, ready access for women to family planning, and the full range of reproductive and sexual health services, including modern contraceptive methods and safe and legal abortion, also
in times of crisis;

Or. en
Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Recalls the particularly tragic impact COVID-19 has had on long-term residential facilities in Europe, which has seen the most vulnerable in society hit, with care homes accounting for more than 50% of COVID-related deaths in some Member States; calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the causes of this tragic turn of events and to come up with proper legislative solutions;
Amendment 20
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

38. Calls for a coordinated, collaborative and open approach in the field of research and innovation, with a stronger role for the Commission and Member States in coordinating health and epidemiological research so as to avoid duplication and drive research towards outcomes including needed medicines, vaccines, medical devices and equipment;

38. Calls for a coordinated, collaborative and open approach in the field of research and innovation, with a stronger role for the Commission and Member States in coordinating health and epidemiological research so as to avoid duplication and drive research towards outcomes including needed medicines, vaccines, medical devices and equipment; stresses that results from research that was wholly or partially funded through European funding or other public funds must remain within the public domain and that clear affordability and accessibility conditions must apply to them;

Or. en