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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on an emergency Community programme of research into
and measures to combat AIDS disease

PE 85.941

The European Parliament,

- whereas:

- (a) 1556 proven cases of AIDS have been recorded at the US Center for Disease Control in Atlanta since 1979 and there are a further 12,000 suspected cases of the disease in the early stages,
- (b) the causes of this new contagious disease are unknown, the disease is fatal and no cure has so far been found,
- (c) the number of cases is steadily rising and the disease has now infiltrated into Europe from the USA,
- (d) the disease is likely to spread rapidly unless measures are taken to combat it,
- (e) the disease is now beginning to spread beyond the special risk group of homosexuals,
- (f) the disease can be transmitted via blood products and blood plasma, which cannot be tested for AIDS,
- (g) the incubation period lasts for years and AIDS is therefore a 'medical timebomb' on a still unknown scale,

- having regard to Recommendation R(83)8 of the Council of Europe on measures to prevent the spread of AIDS through blood products and blood plasma,

1. Calls on the Commission to submit an emergency programme of research into AIDS (causes, an AIDS-detection test, treatment and prevention) as part of the Community's health and safety research programme (budget line 7306);
2. Calls for the inclusion of the cloning of the blood clotting factor (Factor VIII) in the Communities' molecular biology research programme;
3. Calls on the Commission to examine the translation of the Council of Europe's Recommendations into Community law;
4. Expects the Council to decide in favour of the Commission's proposals on this matter forthwith.