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ENVI Committee objects to prioritising animal welfare over human health

“With today’s vote, Members of the European Parliament have demonstrated their commitment to preserving the efficacy of critical, last-resort antimicrobials for humans. At some point we might be in a dramatic situation with no antibiotic left for some human disease. We must do everything - already now - to prevent this from happening. From a medical profession’s perspective there is hardly any alternative route of action.” commented Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery.

European doctors welcome the vote of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on a Motion for a Resolution objecting the Commission delegated regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/6 by establishing the criteria for the designation of antimicrobials to be reserved for the treatment of certain infections in humans.

The wording of the draft Commission delegated regulation fails to safeguard antimicrobials that are critical for humans and opens the possibility to put animal welfare before the protection of human health.

CPME now looks to the European Parliament’s plenary session to confirm the ENVI Committee’s decision. The European Commission should then propose a text that gives due consideration to protecting human health and reducing antimicrobial resistance.

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