

Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2001/2531(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on access to drugs for HIV/AIDS victims in the Third World		
Subject		
4.20.01 Medicine, diseases		
4.20.04 Pharmaceutical products and industry		
6.30 Development cooperation		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
15/03/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0154/2001	Summary
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Technical information	
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Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Urgent debate or resolution
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 144
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		B5-0182/2001	13/03/2001	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B5-0195/2001	13/03/2001	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B5-0202/2001	13/03/2001	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B5-0212/2001	13/03/2001	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B5-0221/2001	13/03/2001	EP	
Joint motion for resolution		RC-B5-0182/2001	13/03/2001		
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T5-0154/2001 OJ C 343 05.12.2001, p. 0211-0300	15/03/2001	EP	Summary

Resolution on access to drugs for HIV/AIDS victims in the Third World

The European Parliament adopted the resolution on access to drugs for HIV/AIDS victims in the Third World. It calls for the development of a system allowing developing countries equitable access to medicines and vaccines at affordable prices, while expressing its solidarity and support for the Governments of South Africa and Kenya in their struggle to use WTO-compliant legislation to gain access to the cheapest possible life-saving medicines. Although Article 31 of the WTO/TRIPS Agreement permits a country to enact national laws permitting the use of a patented product without the authorisation of the patent-holder (compulsory licensing) under certain specified circumstances, the Commission is nevertheless called upon to work with the Member States to show international leadership in the struggle for life-saving medicines by encouraging technological transfer and support for the strengthening and/or development of local production capacity.?