Public health: network for epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the European Community EWRS

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In adopting the report by Mr Christian CABROL (UPE, F), Parliament welcomed the Commission proposal, which aims at establishing a legal framework permitting a coordinated response in the event of an epidemic of a communicable disease. It proposed amendments with a view to setting up an early warning network and a European Centre for the Surveillance of Communicable Diseases. The Community network should forward to the competent authorities of the Member States any information of which it is aware on the subject of any state of emergency arising from the appearance or resurgence of serious communicable diseases within the territory of the European Community or originating in third countries. Moreover, the EP asked to be kept informed of the progress of negotiations between the European Union and the United States concerning the establishment of a world alert and response network in respect of communicable diseases.