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6. Urges the PRC, therefore, to end the 1986 agreement with North Korea on the repatriation of refugees, and welcomes recent reports that China may intend a policy shift; recalls that North Korean citizens are considered to be full citizens of the Republic of Korea, and calls on the PRC to grant them safe passage to South Korea or other third countries;
7. Appeals to the Chinese authorities to treat North Korean defectors as refugees 'sur place', to allow the UNHCR access in order to determine their status and assist their safe resettlement, to release all such defectors who are currently being detained, to decriminalise those who try to help refugees on humanitarian grounds, and to grant North Korean women married to Chinese citizens legal resident status;
8. Also calls on China to stop cooperating with North Korean security agents in tracing North Korean refugees with the aim of arresting them; urges the PRC instead to allow NGOs and community service providers humanitarian access to North Korean refugees and asylum-seekers in China, including for the provision of food, medical treatment, education and legal and other services;
9. Calls on the Vice-President/High Representative and the Commission to raise the human rights situation in the DPRK and the issue of North Korean refugees in the PRC during all high-level EU-China talks and as part of the EU-China Dialogue on Human Rights;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Member States, the Council, the Commission, the Governments of the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of North Korea and the United Nations Secretary-General.

Continued and increased support for vaccinations in developing nations

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Declaration of the European Parliament of 24 May 2012 on continued and increased support for vaccinations in developing nations

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The European Parliament,

— having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,

- A. whereas vaccine-preventable diseases, including hepatitis, measles, pneumococcal disease, rotavirus diarrhoea, polio and yellow fever, constitute a major cause of childhood deaths in the developing world;
- B. whereas disease prevalence is a barrier to achieving sustainable socio-economic development;
- C. whereas vaccine-preventable diseases are known to affect women and men differently;

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- D. whereas women make up half the global population, and whereas development and health cannot be achieved if their voices are ignored;
- E. whereas basic health care – hospitals, doctors, nurses, medical equipment and so on – is vitally important and should not be neglected;
- F. whereas the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) has been recognised as a highly efficient means by which to achieve development and humanitarian objectives;
- G. whereas, in the past decade, GAVI has made great progress in saving lives and expanding immunisation coverage in the world's poorest countries, and whereas, as a result, 288 million more children have been immunised and more than five million future deaths prevented;
- H. whereas, despite these advances, 1,7 million children die from vaccine-preventable diseases every year;
1. Congratulates the Commission on the support it has given to the GAVI via the Development Cooperation Instrument and the European Development Fund between 2003 and 2012;
 2. Urges the Commission to make a continued commitment to reducing the number of vaccine-preventable deaths in its future external actions;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories ⁽¹⁾, to the parliaments of the Member States.
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⁽¹⁾ The list of signatories is published in Annex 1 to the Minutes of 24 May 2012 (P7_PV(2012)05-24(ANN1)).