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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the fight against breast cancer in the European Union

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Written declaration on the fight against breast cancer in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 331 392 women in the European Union are diagnosed with breast cancer every year,
- B. whereas breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women aged 35 to 59, and 89 674 women die of breast cancer in the EU every year,
- C. whereas mammographic screening can reduce deaths from breast cancer by up to 35% in women between 50 and 69,
- 1. Calls on the Member States to introduce nationwide breast screening, in accordance with EU guidelines;
- 2. Calls on the Commission for a progress report on implementation of mammography screening in all EU countries every 2 years;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to support studies to look at whether screening is useful for women over 69 years of age and under 50;
- 4. Calls on Member States to provide multidisciplinary specialist breast units in accordance with EU guidelines by 2016, and on the Commission to deliver a regular progress report;
- 5. Calls on the Commission to present up-to-date, reliable statistics on breast cancer and support the development of national cancer registers;
- 6. Calls on the Commission to develop a certification protocol for specialist breast units in accordance with EU Guidelines by 2011 and to provide adequate financing for this;
- 7.. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments of the Member States.