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Subject: Fight against breast cancer in Europe

Each year, over 380 000 women in Europe are affected by some form of metastatic cancer and in 2012 alone breast cancer claimed the lives of almost 92 000 women in the European Union. The European Parliament has been repeatedly calling for the introduction of mammographic screening programmes.

However, a number of experts question the advisability of this on the grounds that it could, in certain cases, lead to over-diagnosis.

- 1. What view does the Commission take of the various scientific studies warning of over-diagnosis and the related risks of mammographic screening?
- 2. What steps will the Commission take to combat breast cancer effectively?

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