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## AMENDMENTS 1-76

### Draft motion for a resolution

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**Miroslav Ouzký and Georgs Andrejevs**

Combating cancer in the enlarged European Union

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Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 1

Citation 2 a (new)

- *having regard to reports commissioned by the World Health Organisation on cancer, and in particular on health risks for children due to exposure to chemicals*<sup>1</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> *Principles for Evaluating Health Risks in Children, WHO, 2006*

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 2

Citation 4 a (new)

- *having regard to the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of chemicals (REACH)*<sup>1</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> *OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1*

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 3  
Citation 5 a (new)

- *having regard to Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work<sup>1</sup>,*

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<sup>1</sup> *OJ L 158, 30.4.2004, p. 50*

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 4  
Citation 7 a (new)

- *having regard to the Communication from the Commission on a European Environment and Health Strategy and the European Environment & Health Action Plan 2004-2010<sup>1</sup>,*

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<sup>1</sup> *COM(2003)0338 final and COM(2004)0416 final*

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 5  
Recital B a (new)

- Ba. whereas experts commissioned by the World Health Organisation state that it is prudent to regard any exposure to chemicals with DNA-damaging modes of action as potentially carcinogenic and that there is direct evidence that children are more*

*susceptible than adults to at least some kinds of carcinogens, including certain chemicals and various forms of radiation,*

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 6  
Recital B b (new)

***Bb.*** *whereas there is a large body of literature on the occupational and environmental causes of cancer; whereas genotoxic carcinogens are commonly considered to be non-threshold substances, i.e. potentially carcinogenic at even the smallest exposure to them,*

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 7  
Recital B c (new)

***Bc.*** *whereas cancer is caused by many factors in multiple stages and therefore requires a new cancer prevention paradigm that addresses life style causes and occupational and environmental causes at equal footing,*

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 8  
Recital B d (new)

***Bd.*** *whereas according to a recent study by the trade unions, at least 8% of annual cancer deaths are directly caused by exposure to carcinogens at the workplace; whereas such exposure could be prevented by substitution of carcinogens with less harmful substances; whereas employers are indeed legally obliged to substitute carcinogens where possible, but unfortunately, these provisions are poorly implemented and enforced, which is not acceptable,*

Or. en

Amendment by Gyula Hegyi

Amendment 9  
Recital C a (new)

**Ca.** *whereas man-made chemicals are increasingly responsible for cancer; according to the findings of ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation) on occupational diseases, chemical exposure is responsible for 86% of such cancer cases; several scandals prove that carcinogenic chemicals can be found even in food and toy products,*

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 10  
Recital E

E. whereas the differences in the quality of cancer-treatment facilities, in screening programmes, in evidence-based best-practice guidelines, in facilities for radiotherapy, and in access to **(deletion)** anticancer drugs, are among the reasons for the big differences in the five-year survival rate from most cancers across Europe,

Or. de

Amendment by Glenis Willmott

Amendment 11  
Recital E

E. whereas the **startling and unacceptable** differences in the quality of cancer-treatment facilities, in screening programmes, in evidence-based best-practice guidelines, in facilities for radiotherapy, and in access to new anticancer drugs, are among the reasons for the big differences in the five year survival rate from most cancers across Europe,

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 12  
Recital E a (new)

***Ea. whereas the European Parliament's Written Declaration on the need for a comprehensive strategy to control cancer calls on the Council and Commission to formulate a comprehensive cancer control strategy addressing the four basic cancer control factors: prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up and palliative care,***

Or. en

Amendment by Christopher Heaton-Harris

Amendment 13  
Recital E a (new)

***Ea. whereas access to new anticancer drugs is in some Member States, such as the UK, unjustly restricted by an individual's place of residence within that Member State,***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 14  
Recital G a (new)

***Ga. whereas during the Europe Against Cancer programme (1985 – 2002) favourable trends in cancer mortality were established for several common forms of cancer in many countries<sup>1</sup>***

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.jnci.oxfordjournals.org/>

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 15  
Recital H

H. whereas according to OECD data currently only an average 3 % of the OECD countries' total budget for health is spent on prevention compared to 97% spent on healthcare and treatment; ***whereas this gross imbalance needs to be urgently rectified, all the more that at least one third of all cancer cases are preventable,***

Or. en

Amendment by Georgs Andrejevs

Amendment 16  
Recital H a (new)

***Ha. whereas it is estimated that 25 percent of all cancer deaths in the European Union could be attributed to smoking<sup>1</sup>; and whereas smoking causes between 80 and 90 percent of lung cancer deaths worldwide<sup>2</sup>***

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<sup>1</sup> *European Commission,*  
[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_determinants/life\\_style/tobacco/tobacco\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_determinants/life_style/tobacco/tobacco_en.htm)

<sup>2</sup> *World Health Organisation,* <http://www.who.int/cancer/prevention/en/index.html>

Or. en

Amendment by Glenis Willmott

Amendment 17  
Recital I

I. whereas a well-conceived, well-managed national cancer control programme lowers cancer incidence ***and mortality, in some cases by more than 80%***, and improves the life of cancer patients,

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 18

Recital I

- I. whereas a well-conceived, well-managed national cancer control programme lowers cancer incidence ***and mortality*** and improves the life of cancer patients,

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 19

Recital I

- I. whereas a well-conceived, well-managed national cancer control programme lowers cancer incidence and improves the life of cancer patients, ***no matter what resource constraints a country faces,***

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 20

Recital I a (new)

- Ia. whereas nationwide implementation of effective, population-based screening programmes - and in accordance with European Guidelines if they already exist - significantly improves quality and accessibility of cancer screening, diagnosis and therapeutic services to the population and thereby also improves cancer control,***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 21

Recital J

- J. whereas ***national cancer registries in*** all EU Member States ***are essential to provide comparable*** data on cancer,

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 22

Recital K

K. whereas there are currently clear inequalities in cancer screening and follow-up<sup>1</sup> within the EU; ***and whereas screening programmes facilitate early diagnosis which contributes to a cost-effective and measurable reduction in disease burden***<sup>2</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/health\\_problems/cancer/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/health_problems/cancer/index_en.htm)

<sup>2</sup> **IARC** <http://screening.iarc.fr/>

Or. en

Amendment by Anja Weisgerber

Amendment 23

Recital K

K. whereas there are currently ***considerable qualitative*** inequalities in cancer screening ***and early detection*** and follow-up within the EU, ***particularly with regard to the diagnostic procedures used and the integration of those procedures into Member States' health policy***,

Or. de

Amendment by Glenis Willmott

Amendment 24

Recital K

K. whereas there are currently ***unacceptable*** inequalities in cancer screening and follow-up within the EU,

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 25

Recital L

L. whereas the specialty of medical oncology is not recognised in all EU member states ***and continued medical education needs to be ensured,***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 26

Recital L a (new)

***La. whereas the Clinical Trials Directive has increased the bureaucratic and cost burden for academic cancer research in the EU,***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 27

Recital L b (new)

***Lb. whereas EudraCT, the European database for clinical trials at the EMEA, is not open to the general public and patients have difficulties to locate trials that address their specific condition,***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 28

Recital N

N. whereas cancer patients currently have unequal access to medicines information ***and are in urgent need to have more information at every stage of their disease,***

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 29  
Paragraph -1 (new)

- 1. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the Member States to take appropriate action to deal with the approaching significant increase in the burden of cancer resulting from demographic changes in coming decades, including provision for adequate financial support for coordinated actions and appropriate capacity building;**

Or. en

Amendment by Avril Doyle

Amendment 30  
Paragraph 1

1. Calls on the Commission to set up an **interinstitutional** EU Cancer Task Force composed of Members from the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament which shall meet on a regular basis, to collect and exchange best **practice** for prevention, screening and treatment and to provide leadership for improved cancer control in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 31  
Paragraph 1

1. Calls on the Commission to set up an institutionalised EU Cancer Task Force composed of Members from the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament which shall meet on a regular basis, to collect and exchange best practices for prevention (**including reducing occupational and environmental exposure to carcinogens**), screening and treatment and to provide leadership for improved cancer control in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment by Anja Weisgerber

Amendment 32

Paragraph 1

1. Calls on the Commission to set up an institutionalised EU Cancer Task Force composed of Members from the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament which shall meet on a regular basis, to collect and exchange best practices for prevention, screening and treatment and to provide leadership for improved cancer control in Europe; ***stresses that the EU Task Force should, in particular, promote new measures as well as existing screening projects that can help increase the proportion of the population taking part in cancer screening measures by at least 50% in each of the Member States by 2018;***

Or. de

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 33

Paragraph 1 a (new)

- 1a. Welcomes the Commission's initiative to adopt a Communication on cancer and a Communication on Rare Diseases;***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 34

Paragraph 1 b (new)

- 1b. Urges the Commission to adopt a Recommendation for an improved cancer control strategy and to introduce and fund a new Europe against Cancer Programme;***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 35  
Paragraph 1 c (new)

***1c. Asks the Commission to review the European Code Against Cancer on a regular basis, and to promote it through awareness, information and education campaigns targeted at specific population groups;***

Or. en

Amendment by Glenis Willmott

Amendment 36  
Paragraph 2

***2. Urges Member States to implement statutory cancer registration **with European standardised terminology**, to ensure the capacity for population-based evaluation of programmes for prevention, screening, treatment and survival **and the comparability of data between Member States**;***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 37  
Paragraph 2 a (new)

***2a. Calls on the Commission to revision the existing Recommendation on cancer screening in order to include:***  
***a) more types of cancers and***  
***b) additional techniques of early diagnosis, when these are warranted scientifically;***

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 38  
Paragraph 2 b (new)

- 2b. *Calls on the Commission to establish a dynamic, flexible and continuous approach in the fight against cancer based on scientific progress and to this extent it should establish:***
- a) *an advisory committee on cancer prevention in order to evaluate the existing evidence and data***
  - b) *a special advisory committee on early detection of cancer so that future revisions of the Recommendation are incorporated rapidly and efficiently;***

Or. en

Amendment by Glenis Willmott

Amendment 39  
Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Calls on the Commission and all EU Member States to develop and support strong protocols and guidelines when implementing the Framework Convention on Tobacco control and to ensure that resources are available to assist low income countries to meet their obligations under the Convention;***

Or. en

Amendment by Christopher Heaton-Harris

Amendment 40  
Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Urges the government of the United Kingdom to abolish the "postcode lottery" system of allocating anticancer drugs, which leads to unequal and unfair distribution of these important medicines;***

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 41  
Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. ***Calls on the Commission to act in its role as guardian of the Treaty and therefore to take swift legal action against all Member States that are not fully implementing Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work;***

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 42  
Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Commission to ***take legislative action, where appropriate, and to encourage and support initiatives that include a wide range of stakeholders with the aim to prevent cancer through reduction of occupational and environmental exposure to carcinogens and*** promotion of healthy lifestyles, in particular as regards the major risk factors, tobacco, alcohol, unhealthy diets and lack of physical activity, and putting a strong emphasis on children and adolescents;

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 43  
Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Commission to encourage and support initiatives that include a wide range of stakeholders with the aim to prevent cancer through promotion of healthy lifestyles, in particular as regards the major risk factors, tobacco, alcohol, unhealthy diets and lack of physical activity ***and sun protection***, putting a strong emphasis on children and adolescents;

Or. en

Amendment by Glenis Willmott

Amendment 44

Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Commission to encourage and support initiatives that include a wide range of stakeholders with the aim to prevent cancer through the promotion of healthy lifestyles, in particular as regards the major risk factors, tobacco, alcohol, **obesity**, unhealthy diets and lack of physical activity, and putting a strong emphasis on children and adolescents;

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 45

Paragraph 5 a (new)

- 5a. *Calls on the Commission, Member States and the European Chemicals Agency in the context of REACH to adopt the candidate list of substances of very high concern, which includes substances that are carcinogenic, as a top priority before 1 June 2008, so as to enable application of Article 33(2) of REACH, which allows consumers to request information about carcinogens in consumer articles, so as to enable them to avoid such articles if so desired;***

Or. en

Amendment by Georgs Andrejevs

Amendment 46

Paragraph 5 a (new)

- 5a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support and implement comprehensive tobacco control policies including smoke free environments and smoking cessation interventions, as effective methods to reduce the incidence of smoking and thus prevent a large number of cancer deaths, in line with the European Parliament Report on the Green Paper "Towards a Europe free from tobacco smoke: policy options at EU level";***

Or. en

Amendment by Gyula Hegyi

Amendment 47  
Paragraph 5 a (new)

**5a. *Calls on the Commission to encourage and support initiatives in order to prevent importing articles containing carcinogenic chemicals; furthermore, European measures should be taken to strengthen food monitoring for chemicals including pesticides;***

Or. en

Amendment by Caroline Lucas

Amendment 48  
Paragraph 5 b (new)

**5b. *Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that EU wide human bio-monitoring surveys are adequately resourced to monitor carcinogenic substances in order to be able to measure policy effectiveness (e.g. the measuring of cotinine in blood serum as a biomarker for measuring the success in reducing environmental tobacco smoke);***

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns, Glenis Willmott

Amendment 49  
Paragraph 6

**6. Urges the Commission and Member States to promote information campaigns on cancer screening to the general public and to all healthcare providers and the exchange of best practice on the use of preventive measures, such as the *cost-effective integration of appropriate HPV testing for cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination for* protecting young women from cervical cancer;**

Or. en

Amendment by Anja Weisgerber

Amendment 50

Paragraph 6

6. Urges the Commission and Member States to promote information campaigns on cancer screening to the general public and to all healthcare providers and the exchange of best practice on the use of preventive *or early detection* measures, such as the HPV vaccine protecting young women from cervical cancer *or the PSA test for the early detection of prostate cancer in men over 50 years of age*;

Or. de

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 51

Paragraph 7

7. ***Calls on the Commission to initiate a discussion with the Council so that the Recommendation on cancer screening be promoted and implemented effectively and to this end urges also Member States who have not yet done so, to implement the Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening, and to establish procedures for adoption of any future changes of the Recommendation, and to set up population-based screening programmes (deletion) according to European quality assurance guidelines;***

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 52

7 a (new)

- 7a. ***Calls on the European Commission to ensure the medium- and long-term scientific and professional support for adequate and appropriate assistance to the Member States in acting on the Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening and, for monitoring, evaluation and coordination of pilot activities and continuous quality improvement;***

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 53  
Paragraph 7 b (new)

**7b. Calls on the European Commission to support the development of European accreditation/certification programmes for cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment based on European quality assurance guidelines, which could also serve as an example for further areas of health care;**

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 54  
Paragraph 8

8. Calls on Member States to ensure the nation-wide provision of multi-disciplinary oncology teams to **enable optimal individual treatment (deletion)** for **all** patients and improve the education of medical oncologists and health care professionals in recognizing psychosocial needs of patients in order to improve the quality of life and reduce anxiety and depression of cancer patients;

Or. de

Amendment by Avril Doyle

Amendment 55  
Paragraph 9

9. Urges the Commission and Member States **(deletion)** to ensure "lifelong learning" for **medical oncologists** according to agreed guidelines;

Or. en

Amendment by Kathy Sinnott

Amendment 56  
Paragraph 10

10. Calls on the Commission and Member States to encourage and promote **(deletion)** palliative care **and establish guidelines for its use;**

Or. en

Amendment by Kathy Sinnott

Amendment 57  
Paragraph 10 a (new)

**10a. Calls on the Commission to deploy Structural Funds to ensure that regions with no access to palliative care can develop these services;**

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 58  
Paragraph 11

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Community legislation contains incentives for industry and researchers alike in order to secure ongoing research and guarantee new **evidence-based** medicines and treatments to combat and control cancer;

Or. de

Amendment by Avril Doyle

Amendment 59  
Paragraph 11

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Community legislation contains incentives for industry and researchers alike in order to **encourage** ongoing research and **to ensure** new generations of medicines and treatments to combat and control cancer;

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 60  
Paragraph 13 a (new)

**13a. Urges the Commission to allocate funds within the Seventh Framework programme**

*in order to encourage research and innovation in the area of primary prevention, of screening and early detection, and of new anti-cancer medicines and treatments;*

Or. en

Amendment by Christopher Heaton-Harris

Amendment 61  
Paragraph 13 b (new)

**13b.** *Calls on the Commission to investigate inequalities in the provision of anticancer drugs within some Member States, such as in the United Kingdom's "postcode lottery" system;*

Or. en

Amendment by Anja Weisgerber

Amendment 62  
Paragraph 14

14. Calls on the Council and Commission to establish an EU standard for the assessment of new innovative **diagnostic and** therapeutic approaches and identification of best clinical **and medical** practices;

Or. de

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 63  
Paragraph 14 a (new)

**14a.** *Calls on the Commission to allocate funds within Seventh Framework programme to stimulate research on paediatric cancers;*

Or. en

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 64  
Paragraph 14 b (new)

**14b. Urges the Commission and Member States to ensure that cancer medicines are uniformly available to all patients who need them in all Member States;**

Or. en

Amendment by Georgs Andrejevs

Amendment 65  
Paragraph 14 a (new)

**14a. Encourages the Commission and Member States to examine under the High-level Pharmaceutical Forum how life saving innovative cancer medicines can be made available more speedily to patients by accelerating fast track marketing approval through the EU Centralised Procedure and considering a conditional pricing and reimbursement process, while data on the value of the medicine is collected on patients in real life settings;**

Or. en

Amendment by Georgs Andrejevs

Amendment 66  
Paragraph 15

**15. Calls on the Commission to submit by June 2008 at the latest a proposal to the European Parliament and the Council which will ensure good quality, objective reliable and non-promotional information on medicinal products *from multiple sources*;**

Or. en

Amendment by Anja Weisgerber

Amendment 67  
Paragraph 16

16. Calls on the Commission to revise the Clinical Trials Directive to encourage more academic research on cancer, ***and in particular research into cancer screening and early detection;***

Or. de

Amendment by Georgs Andrejevs

Amendment 68  
Paragraph 16

16. Calls on the Commission to revise the Clinical Trials Directive to encourage more academic research on cancer; ***and improve the availability of information on ongoing and concluded clinical trials to the patients and general public;***

Or. en

Amendment by Glenis Willmott

Amendment 69  
Paragraph 16

16. Calls on the Commission to revise the Clinical Trials Directive to encourage more academic research on cancer, ***whilst recognising the impact of the costs involved for the non-commercial research sector,***

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 70  
Paragraph 17

17. Calls on the Commission to draw up a charter for the protection of cancer patients and chronically sick people in the workplace, with the view to requiring companies to make it possible for patients to continue in employment during their treatment and to return to ***their normal professional activities;***

Or. de

Amendment by Antonios Trakatellis, Adamos Adamou

Amendment 71  
Paragraph 17 a (new)

**17a. Encourages Member States to adopt national Charters of Patients' Rights according to European guidelines and to include patient participation and expertise in the development of health policies;**

Or. en

Amendment by Kathy Sinnott

Amendment 72  
Paragraph 17 a (new)

**17a. Calls on the Commission to work on initiatives regarding survivors of cancer, namely the initiation and development of psychological care and support throughout the EU for cancer survivors;**

Or. en

Amendment by Kathy Sinnott

Amendment 73  
Paragraph 17 b (new)

**17b. Calls on the Commission to increase the information available to patients with cancer, by encouraging initiatives which inform patients of their treatment options and the ways to access such treatments;**

Or. en

Amendment by Glenis Willmott

Amendment 74  
Paragraph 18 a (new)

**18a. Calls on the Council to urgently update its Recommendation on Cancer Screening to account for the rapid development of new technologies that impact upon the field of cancer screening;**

Or. en

Amendment by Kathy Sinnott

Amendment 75  
Paragraph 18 a (new)

**18a. Calls on the Commission to deploy funds from the Structural Funds to ensure that all patients have access to cancer centres with adequate facilities as well as access to designated transport to enable them to use these facilities.**

Or. en

Amendment by Karin Jöns

Amendment 76  
Paragraph 19

19. Supports the **(deletion)** Slovenian EU Presidency, **which has** made cancer one of its priorities in 2008;

Or. de