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on the serious road traffic injury target

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the serious road traffic injury target¹

1. At least 200 000 people suffered life-changing consequences resulting from traffic collision in the EU last year alone.
2. Serious traffic injuries have significant negative social and economic effects. In addition to human suffering, the total cost of road traffic injuries is approximately 2 % of GDP.
3. Statistics show that the number of serious injuries in traffic accidents is increasing, and rose almost 3 % in 2014 compared with 2013. In order to reverse this unacceptable trend, clear and ambitious reduction targets must be set.
4. In 2013 the Commission staff working document entitled 'First milestone towards an injury strategy' found that a 'strategic and realistically ambitious reduction target...could therefore complement the current EU road safety strategy', and in its recent road safety interim evaluation, the Commission confirmed that the 'prerequisites for setting a strategic target are fulfilled'.
5. The Commission is therefore called upon to meet its own recommendations by setting a specific target for reducing serious road traffic injuries, in order to tackle the number of life-changing accidents on EU roads.
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

¹ Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.