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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on improving public awareness of the harmful effects of driving under the influence of alcohol

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on improving public awareness of the harmful effects of driving under the influence of alcohol¹

1. Statistics, including those published by the World Health Organisation and the Commission, show that driving under the influence of alcohol is still to blame for a quarter of European road deaths.
2. The proportion is significantly higher in some Member States, where it exceeds 30 % (e.g. Slovenia, France and Spain) and even 40 % (e.g. Cyprus). To this must be added all those who remain permanently affected by injuries resulting from traffic accidents.
3. The Commission is therefore called upon to intensify its actions at European level to increase public awareness about the harmful consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and to support public campaigns and educational programmes on this issue in the Member States.
4. 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.