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on banning the plastic chemical bisphenol A in babies' bottles

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Written declaration on banning the plastic chemical bisphenol A in babies' bottles

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas bisphenol A is used to produce the type of plastic known as polycarbonate, which is used in a wide variety of everyday products, including babies' bottles, water bottles and food packaging (plastic coating on tins),
- B. whereas a recent American study, published in the journal *Reproductive Toxicology*, suggests that bisphenol A is a contributory factor to a number of lifestyle illnesses; for example, concentration of bisphenol A in the urine was associated with incidence of cardiovascular disease and diabetes,
- C. whereas several studies have shown that even low doses of bisphenol A may affect the development and behaviour of the brain, particularly learning capacity,
- D. whereas research shows that bisphenol A harms the uterus in newly-born animals, and that there is a risk that the same may apply to humans,
- E. whereas many plastic babies' bottles contain bisphenol A, and whereas babies are exposed every day to carcinogenic substances when they drink milk or water from bottles with teats,
- F. whereas Canada will shortly be banning babies' bottles containing bisphenol A,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to ban the use of the plastic chemical bisphenol A in babies' bottles;
- 2.. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, and the Council.