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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the recognition of multiple chemical sensitivity and electrohypersensitivity in the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD)

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 4 September 2008 on the mid-term review of the European Environment and Health Action Plan 2004-2010, particularly recital J thereof,
 - having regard to Decision 1350/2007/EC establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-2013), and the White Paper ‘Together for Health’ (COM(2007)0630),
 - having regard to its resolution of 2 April 2009 on health concerns associated with electromagnetic fields,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas health inequalities between different European countries should be eradicated;
- B. whereas multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) patients are vulnerable to environmental pollution and electrohypersensitivity (EHS) patients to electromagnetic radiation, both involving serious risks in several areas over which they have no influence, such as the air they breathe and exposure to EM radiation;
1. Recommends that Member States which have not yet done so include MCS and EHS in their own ICDs and in their ILO-based Lists of Occupational Diseases; suggests that the WHO Assembly include MCS and EHS in its upcoming ICD-11;
 2. Urges Member State governments to apply existing rules regarding EM radiation and exposure to harmful substances and to apply the precautionary principle strictly, with effective health and environmental measures, in order to immediately protect those affected, whose number is growing exponentially;
 3. Suggests harmonising the rules on physical agents and harmful substances in the Member States, on the basis of the strictest existing criteria, and also placing controls on imported products;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.