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on recognition for conscientious objection to animal experiments in the EU

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Declaration on recognition for conscientious objection to animal experiments in the EU

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Italian Law No 413 (1993), under which students and researchers have the right to declare themselves conscientious objectors to any act connected with animal testing,
- having regard to Directive 86/609/EEC regarding the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes,
- having regard to the Protocol on protection and welfare of animals, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to submit within six months a proposal for a directive recognising the right to conscientious objection to animal experiments in schools of all types and levels and for researchers;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Commission.

