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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

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on health problems associated with exposure to TETRA radiation

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Written declaration on health problems associated with exposure to TETRA radiation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas TETRA uses extremely low-frequency pulsed radiation at an amplitude modulation of 17.6 hertz (Hz), close to the 16 Hz rate of electro-magnetic signals in the human brain,
- B. concerned at the increased vulnerability of children to TETRA, particularly given their increased cell division and unstable brain activity,
- C. considering that there have been no studies into the possible biological effects of the TETRA transmitters on humans,
- D. alarmed at the increasing anecdotal evidence becoming available – for example, in the village of Dursley in Gloucestershire; in Shanklin on the Isle of Wight; in Worthing, Littlehampton and Bognor Regis; the 170-plus police officers ill after using TETRA handsets in Lancashire – and at reports that TETRA signals can cause tumours, leukaemia, other cancers and motor neurone disease,
- E. whereas the UK Government is planning to erect 3,000 TETRA masts across the UK prior to roll-out across the EU,
- F. whereas the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection guidelines, based on pre-1997 data, only take into account the effect of heating on our bodies and ignore our ‘aliveness’,
 1. Calls on the Council of Ministers to introduce an immediate moratorium on the use of TETRA in the UK;
 2. Calls on the Commission to undertake urgent research into the human health impact of both TETRA masts and handsets;