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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by John Bowis, Georgs Andrejevs, Dorette Corbey and Karin Scheele  
on diabetes

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**Written declaration on diabetes**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas diabetes is a serious chronic and progressive condition affecting over 25 million people in the EU, with an expected increase of 16% by 2025,
- B. whereas the serious and costly complications of diabetes include cardiovascular disease and stroke, kidney failure, amputations and blindness,
- C. whereas there are some 60 million people in Europe at risk of developing pre-diabetes,
- D. whereas an EU diabetes strategy would help contain public health expenditure in EU Member States, bearing in mind that diabetes complications represent 5% to 10% of total healthcare spending,
- E. whereas the merit of a coordinated EU approach has been demonstrated by the EU Council Recommendation on cancer screening,
- F. whereas the Austrian EU Presidency (2006) is prioritising Type 2 diabetes,
  - 1. Welcomes the Presidency's initiative on diabetes;
  - 2. Calls on the Commission and Council to:
    - prioritise diabetes in the EU's new health strategy as a major disease demonstrating a significant burden across the EU;
    - encourage Member States to establish national diabetes plans;
    - develop an EU diabetes strategy and draft an EU Council Recommendation for Diabetes Prevention, Diagnosis and Control;
    - develop a strategy to encourage consumption and production of healthy food;
  - 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.