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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on Huntington's disease

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Written declaration on Huntington's disease

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas Huntington's disease is a hereditary condition caused by degeneration of neurons in certain areas of the brain,
 - B. whereas in the European Union 170,000 people are already suffering from the disease and 500,000 are at risk of inheriting it,
 - C. whereas existing drugs are useful for relieving the symptoms of the disease and improving sufferers' quality of life but, as things stand at the moment, they are not yet in a position to cure the disease or hold up its progression,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to:
 - acknowledge Huntington's disease as an urgent public health issue and define priority measures and programmes for future Council Presidencies;
 - adopt a Council recommendation on screening for Huntington's disease to ensure early detection and wider access to treatments and care;
 - facilitate further research on treatment for sufferers from Huntington's disease in the context of the Seventh Research Framework Programme;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.