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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on fire safer cigarettes

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**Written declaration on fire safer cigarettes**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas cigarettes are responsible for an estimated one third of fire deaths and most non-fatal injuries in most European countries, causing at least 1 000 deaths every year and at least EUR 13 million of property damage,
  - B. whereas a significant proportion of the deaths, injuries and destruction of property could be prevented through the introduction of a fire safety standard for cigarettes,
  - C. whereas a coordinated EU approach is required so that the same technical standards for fire safer cigarettes are used across the Union to ensure coherent and rapid implementation,
  - D. whereas it is technologically and economically feasible for cigarettes to meet fire safety standards,
1. Calls on the Commission and Council to:
    - take the necessary steps so that a mandate for an EU fire safer cigarette standard is rapidly sent to the European Committee for Standardization (CEN);
    - ensure this mandate requires tobacco manufacturers only to produce and market fire safer cigarettes in the EU; tobacco manufacturers should use ASTM International E2187-02b;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.