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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on health care provision for European citizens residing in another Member State

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Written declaration on health care provision for European citizens residing in another Member State

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas EU law upholds the right to freedom of movement and freedom of residence across the European Union,
- B. whereas access to health care is of fundamental importance to all citizens,
- 1. Recognises the fundamental principle of reciprocity of health care provision across the European Union;
- 2. Expresses grave concern that some EU citizens not born in France but legally resident there are being denied state health care provision despite paying all relevant taxes;
- 3. Recognises that private health care may not be available or affordable for citizens with disabilities or those with existing conditions;
- 4. Calls on Member States to uphold the principle of reciprocity of health care provision; further calls on Member States not to make changes to health care provision that will deny EU citizens who are non-nationals access to state health care;
- 5. Calls on the European Commission to undertake a review of the manner in which Member States generally are operating the principal of reciprocity of health care provision to ensure that all Member States are complying with their obligations under the Treaties in this regard;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.