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on priorities in the fight against Alzheimer's disease

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Written declaration on priorities in the fight against Alzheimer's disease

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas Alzheimer's disease currently affects 6.1 million Europeans and that figure will double or triple between now and 2050 with the ageing of the population,
 - B. whereas this disease is the most common cause of dependency,
 - C. whereas it is vital that political commitment be made in the areas of research, prevention and social protection,
1. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States to recognise Alzheimer's disease as a European public health priority and to develop a European action plan with a view to:
 - promoting pan-European research on the causes, prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease,
 - improving early diagnosis,
 - simplifying procedures for patients and carers and improving their quality of life,
 - promoting the role of Alzheimer's associations and giving them regular support;
 - 2.. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States, as well as to the national, regional and local authorities concerned.