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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on domestic violence against men in the European Union

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Written declaration on domestic violence against men in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas UK research shows that one in six men will be subjected to domestic abuse in their lifetime and the average length of that abuse is six and a half years,
- B. whereas research in the UK has shown that one man is killed every two weeks by his partner,
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure equal treatment and do more to ensure that more research is conducted into the extent of domestic violence against men in the European Union;
- 2. Calls for the DAPHNE programme, which is intended to cover domestic violence but only officially covers violence against women and children, to also fund programmes relating to domestic violence against men;
- 3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that all domestic violence publicity and information campaigns include male information and publicity for male victims as well as female victims;
- 4. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that all domestic violence training programmes include training on the needs of male victims as well as female victims;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council.