WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of a European Children's Day

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Written declaration on the establishment of a European Children's Day

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas recent studies conducted by UNICEF and WHO show that in Europe as well as in the world as a whole, deaths of children are on the increase,

B. whereas the causes of these deaths include accidents which mainly occur within the family environment such as burns and falls, drowning accidents which mainly occur outside the family environment, and road accidents,

C. whereas Universal Children’s Day, which is celebrated on 20 November, as well as International Children’s Day, which is celebrated on 1 June of each year, are intended to reaffirm to the world the fundamental rights of children and of adults,

1. Considers it important to establish a European Children’s Day, to be celebrated on 1 June;

2. Calls on Member States to promote events and initiatives that can underline the importance of issues such as the role of the family, and to make proper use of resources to ensure that babies are raised in a safe and healthy environment;

3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the governments and the parliaments of the Member States.