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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure  
on Creutzfeld-Jakob disease

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**Written declaration on Creutzfeld-Jakob disease**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas Creutzfeld-Jakob disease (CJD) is a rare degenerative neurological disease, the causes of which – and the risk factors involved – are unknown,
  - B. whereas neurodegeneration is produced, as a result of mechanisms as yet unexplained, initially by intracellular, and later also by extracellular, aggregation of a misfolded protein, PrP<sup>Sc</sup> (Sc = scrapie),
  - C. whereas CJD is invariably fatal (1.39 cases per million inhabitants in Europe) and whereas, globally and annually, about one person in every million contracts the infection,
  - D. whereas at present there are no effective treatments for the disease,
1. Calls on the Commission and Council to
    - promote research into the causes of CJD and a treatment for patients affected by it, making use of the seventh research framework programme;
    - recognise Creutzfeld-Jakob disease as an urgent public health matter and determine priority measures and programmes for future Council presidencies;
    - adopt a Council recommendation on CJD screening to allow early diagnosis;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and Commission.