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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on establishing a European disease research day

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Written declaration on establishing a European disease research day

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas research is a human activity that seeks to discover, interpret, and reassess facts, events, modes of behaviour, and theories, employing scientific methods to increase knowledge within the boundaries of science,
 - B. whereas research is the great hope for millions of patients still waiting for a cure for their diseases,
 - C. whereas progress is slow and insufficient, even though there are major public research programmes and huge sums of money are being invested in this field,
1. Calls on the Commission and Council
 - to recognise that a European disease research day would be of great ethical, moral, and economic value to the extent that it would offer a particularly favourable opportunity and occasion for reflection and detailed analysis, and for imparting information and forging ahead in the continuing pursuit of excellence;
 - proceeding along the lines described above, to promote ever more innovative scientific approaches to give realistic hopes even to patients suffering from very rare diseases;
 - to raise awareness within Member States by disseminating the results already achieved;
 2. Calls on the Commission and Council to increase funding for activities of this kind;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments of the Member States.