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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the dignity of psychiatric patients

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**Written declaration on the dignity of psychiatric patients**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the European Charter of Patients' Rights,
  - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
  - having regard to the International Pact on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of 1966,
  - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU needs to tackle the new challenges arising in the public health sphere thanks to the increasing numbers of citizens affected by psychiatric disorders,
1. Calls on the Commission and the governments of the Member States to adopt suitable measures to ensure the existence and updating of the comparative data which are required if there is to be planning of minimal standards of intervention for aid for the rehabilitation of psychiatric patients;
  2. Calls on the Commission to promote, at Community level, the organisation of meetings of those working in this area, with a view to developing common criteria and strategies and adopting preventive measures aimed at ending the stigma attaching to psychiatric patients and their relatives, in line with the WHO's prevention guidelines;
  3. Calls on the Commission to promote the free movement of people and services and ensure that those working in this area can benefit from ongoing training and common qualifications based on clear criteria;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.