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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on defining essential healthcare standards in Europe

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Written declaration on defining essential healthcare standards in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Charter of Patients' Rights,
 - having regard to the Council's position on patients' rights,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union must tackle the new challenges in the field of public health deriving from the free movement of citizens, by ensuring essential minimum healthcare standards in all the Member States,
1. Calls on the Commission and the governments to adopt measures designed to define essential healthcare standards common to all Union countries, so as to ensure that within their national territories homogeneous and coordinated actions are taken to protect public health through awareness and management of health and safety risks, target-setting, programme planning and assessing outcomes for efficiency and effectiveness;
 2. Calls on the Commission to encourage opportunities within the Community for operators in the sector to compare their actions, so as to encourage the development of common criteria and strategies. The main targets to be pursued should be health care and health promotion, disease and disability prevention, and improving the quality of life;
 3. 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.