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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need to provide appropriate compensation for victims of infected blood

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Written declaration on the need to provide appropriate compensation for victims of infected blood

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Directive 2002/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 setting standards of quality and safety for the collection, testing, processing, storage and distribution of human blood and blood components and amending Directive 2001/83/EC,
 - having regard to the European Charter of Patients' Rights,
 - having regard to the Position of the Council on patients' rights (11038/2/10),
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to WHO estimates, some 170-200 million people worldwide have been infected by HIV and HCV following transfusions of infected blood and/or after consuming medicines derived from blood products,
- B. whereas such contamination poses grave risks to health, since Hepatitis C (HCV) can lead to death from liver cirrhosis and being HIV-positive can lead to Aids,
- C. whereas not all European countries provide appropriate compensation to the victims of contamination and some discriminate between the categories of person harmed, in some cases failing to comply with judgments delivered by the courts,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to draw up common criteria to ensure that all EU citizens who are victims of such contamination receive appropriate compensation for the damage caused;
 2. 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.