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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on ending animal testing

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<sup>1</sup> Three co-authors withdrew their names after the document was opened for signature.

**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on ending animal testing<sup>1</sup>**

1. The ban on testing cosmetics on animals entered into force on 11 March 2013, and has since saved the lives of 240 000 animals per year.
2. Nevertheless, Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes still allows more than 12 million animals to be sacrificed each year for purposes of research, arms and pharmacology, as well as in other areas.
3. Many scientists have demonstrated, however, that animal testing is scientifically unreliable and very costly, since a given species cannot be used as a model for any other.
4. The Commission is therefore asked to do everything necessary to urge Member States to end animal testing and to promote a proactive policy with a view to finding and implementing alternative methods.
5. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.