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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on multiple chemical sensitivity

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on multiple chemical sensitivity¹

1. Multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) is one of the most serious multi-systemic and progressive diseases in the world. It is incurable and causes total physical disability, leading to isolation and preventing any form of social or working life. People suffering from MCS are subject to continual intolerance reactions: chronic inflammation, which cause cancer and leukaemia, oxidative stress, and neurological and immune problems.
2. The root causes of MCS coincide with the triggering effects on the person of chemicals in common use such as detergents and perfumes, as well as micropowders.
3. International studies estimate the incidence of MCS as up to 9 % of the world population.
4. The Commission and the Council are called upon to:
 - a. invite Member States to present a joint proposal in the World Health Organisation with a view to including MCS in the International Classification of Diseases, on the occasion of the revision process of the ICD scheduled for 2017;
 - b. promote research, awareness-raising and exchange of information on MCS at EU level.
5. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

¹ 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.