WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on the implementation of Next Generation 112 emergency services

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, on the implementation of Next Generation 112 emergency services

1. In 2011 Parliament adopted a written declaration in which it called on ‘the Commission to promote the development of fully accessible and reliable Next Generation 112 services’.

2. There are around 80 million people with disabilities in the EU; 44 million of them are people who are deaf or hard of hearing and have no access to emergency services with voice and additional media.

3. There is currently a lack of support from the Commission for harmonising the deployment of Next Generation 112 (NG112) services at the European level, even though, once deployed, NG112 will improve access for all to emergency services with voice and additional media, including for the deaf and hard of hearing and the visually impaired.

4. The Commission is hence called upon to set a clear timeframe for implementing NG112 in the Member States and to consider what new rules will be necessary in this area.

5. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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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.