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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on the overuse or misuse of antibiotics

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**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the overuse or misuse of antibiotics<sup>1</sup>**

1. Up to 75 % of both agricultural and human use of antibiotics is probably unnecessary.
2. Vast quantities of antibiotics are released into the environment along with human waste.
3. Antimicrobial agents foster increasing resistance among the very microbes that cause the infection; bacteria are becoming much stronger and more resistant to today's antibiotics.
4. Seven out of 10 newly discovered human diseases are of animal origin, caused by the massive use of antibiotics in animal husbandry.
5. The Commission is called upon to promote the development of antibiotic stewardship tools for prescribers.
6. The Commission is also called upon to put forward standardisation measures for improvements in hygiene, disease prevention, veterinary oversight and accurate and affordable diagnostics.
7. 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.